



4-H Family News

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Macomb County 4-H News & Events

Nature Center Field Trip - August 5th

Learn about the nature all around us! Join MSU Extension 4-H for a fun, educational Nature Center Field Trip at the Sterling Heights Nature Center, 42700 Utica Road, Sterling Heights. 48313, on August 5, 2025 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Participants will learn about the native species of the area. This program is FREE and open to all youth who are ages 5-19 as of January 1, 2025. A limited number of spots are available, so don't wait to register!

Current 4-H members: Add the "Nature Center Field Trip" activity to your 4-H Online record.

Non-members: Register online at <https://v2.4honline.com> with the "General 4-H Experience - Macomb County club and add the "Nature Center Field Trip" activity to your record.

For more information, contact Macomb County 4-H Program Coordinator Nikki Knight at knightn9@msu.edu or 586-469-5979.



4-H Tech Camp - August 12-14

Get ready for a hands-on adventure into the world of technology at the 4-H Tech Camp! Designed for curious minds, this exciting three-day camp will introduce youth to some of today's most innovative tools and creative platforms. Participants ages 8-13 will meet August 12-14 from 3-6 p.m. daily at the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. Campers will:

- Code and Compete with Sphero Robots – Learn the basics of coding through fun challenges using rolling robots that respond to your commands.
- Explore Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning – Discover how computers learn and make decisions, with interactive demos that explain AI in kid-friendly ways.
- Create Digital Animations – Bring drawings and stories to life using animation apps on iPads.
- Make Music with GarageBand – Compose original tunes, layer beats, and learn audio editing basics like a real sound engineer!

Whether your child is new to tech or already a budding innovator, this camp offers something for everyone—with plenty of opportunities to explore, build, and imagine. The cost is \$30 per youth. Scholarships are available upon request.

Spots are limited! [Register today](#) to secure your camper's place in the future of technology. For more information about the program, contact [Nachaela Trice](#), [Isabella Kruk](#), or [Kathy Jamieson](#) at the Macomb County 4-H Office.



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Macomb County 4-H Youth Council to host an Ice Cream Social at the Armada Fair

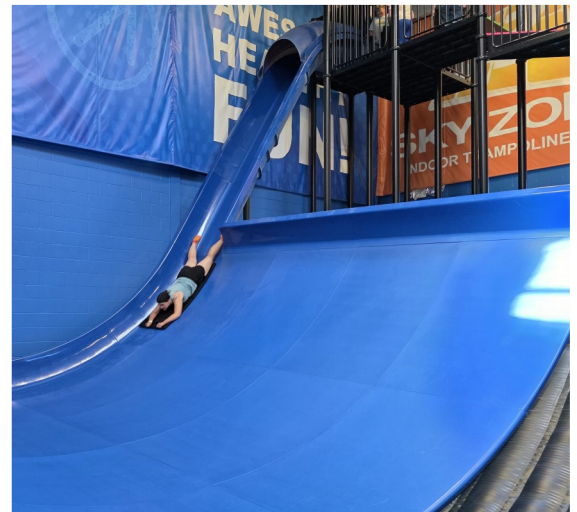
4-H youth are invited to an Ice Cream Social at the Armada Fair on Monday, August 11th from 4-4:30 p.m. inside the Youth Exhibit Barn (Barn 11). Join other 4-H'ers from across the county to celebrate the start of fair week. It's a great opportunity to view the club displays and still projects. This event is hosted by the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council. Parents, [please use the signup link](#) to R.S.V.P. with your child's ice cream choice. See you at fair!!



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Sky Zone 4-H Spirit Night

A great time was had by all who attended 4-H Spirit Night fundraiser at Sky Zone in Shelby Township on July 21st. Thank you for supporting Macomb County 4-H! Watch for future events to be announced.



Contact us to find out how you can partner with MSU Extension: 586-469-6431





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A Day in the Garden

MSU Extension's A Day in the Garden program for youth ages 5-12 is June 24-August 26, 2025 at Thompson Community Center in Warren. Participants meet on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to have fun while learning about gardening, basic tools, crafts, reading, yoga, mindfulness and more. [Learn more and register here.](#)

Sign up for 4-H Coffee Cart, Shred Sales and Barn Watch

The link to the sign up sheet for the Armada Fair 4-H Coffee Cart and Shred Sales fundraisers and Barn Watch is now available. Club leaders, please [sign your club up for a shift](#). The fundraisers are hosted by the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council annually. The Armada Fair is August 11-17.

Important: Each adult volunteer must have completed the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) through [Volunteer Central](#) and have a silver- or gold-level clearance to volunteer at fair.

2025-2026 4-H Enrollment

Club Enrollment: Club enrollment packets will be available at the Armada Fair for new and 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 2025-2026 Member and 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 any questions to the Macomb County 4-H staff at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombgov.org.

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).

There are NEW Annual Financial Summary Report forms this year — one for clubs with funds, and one for clubs with no funds. Leaders may either fill the form out electronically or use a printed copy.

Please submit forms online, by mail or in person between September 1 and October 1.

4-H Shred Sales Fundraiser

The Armada Fair is approaching quickly, and the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council will again be offering a pre-ordering option for your shred/bedding needs for your animals. The bags are the same as last year, 9.75 cu. ft. expanded flake. Price is \$7/bag. The fair price will be \$8/bag.

When you place your pre-order, you will see three options for payment. Please either send a check to Macomb County 4-H Youth Council, 314 Huntington Street, Mount Clemens, MI 48043, or pay at fair move-in on Sunday. If you are only showing mini horses, you can opt to pay at your move-in on Thursday. Please note: If you do not pay for your pre-order by Monday morning (unless a mini horse participant) your pre-order option will go away.

Here is the link for your order:
<https://forms.office.com/r/TBV0VyNAtE>

Thank you. See you at fair!

~ Macomb County 4-H Youth Council

4-H'ers show off their creativity at the Macomb County 4-H Craft Day



On Tuesday, July 8th the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council hosted a county-wide Craft Day. There were sixteen youth from various clubs who participated. They learned many new projects, such as cupcake decorating, woodburning, rock painting, iris paper folding, handsewn ornaments, simple circuit cards, fleece blanket making, and jam making. The event was a great success and the Youth Council looks forward to hosting another in the future.

Pictured at the Macomb County 4-H Craft Day event at the Verkuilen Building in Clinton Township are, from left to right, Avery Stallmann, Ann Livingston, Byron Livingston, Angelia Accuso, Leah DeVriendt, Cora Livingston, Rebecca DeVriendt and Avery Gaj.

Article and photo submitted
by 4-H Member Avery Stallmann



Other Local News & Events

Armada Fair News

Armada Fair Clean-Up: Mark your calendars! The next Armada Fair Clean-Up for Youth Organizations, including 4-H, will be held at the Armada Fairgrounds in Armada on Sunday, August 3 at 10 a.m. Please sign in at Barn 11. Families may want to bring gloves, rakes, brooms and hand trowels.

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 new Instagram page, send it to armadalivestock@gmail.com.

Livestock Sale Committee 4-H memo of fair schedule: See the Armada Fair Livestock Sale Committee's memo of fair schedule [here](#).

Farm Bureau needs volunteers

Macomb County Farm Bureau is looking for volunteers to man the organization's agriculture trailer the week of Armada Fair, Monday, August 11th through Sunday, August 17th. There are two time slots per day to sign up for. If you are able to volunteer for a time slot, please [sign up here](#). For more information, contact Kim Trpceviski at 586-727-0025.

Macomb County MSU Extension Program Guide

Read about [upcoming MSU Extension programs](#) in your area! **Subscribe today** to receive the guide **monthly**!

Statewide & National 4-H News & Events

4-H Night with the Toledo Walleye

Calling all Hockey fans! Reserve your tickets for the Toledo Walleye's first ever 4-H Night on Sunday, March 22, 2026! Tickets will be a discounted \$17 per person for all 4-H club members and their families who have a group of 10 or more. Clubs/families can reserve a block of tickets now with the exact count and payment due by the week of March 9. If you and your club are interested, please reach out to Owen Bailey at owen.bailey@mudhens.com.

Michigan 4-H Fall 2025 Volunteer Webinar Series

The Michigan 4-H Fall 2025 Volunteer Webinar Series is designed to provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as volunteers and support the Michigan 4-H youth. Daytime and evening options are available. Attend one or more sessions. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>.

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 & National 4-H News & Events (continued)

Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Join MSU Extension for the eighth annual MSU Welcome Back 4-H Alumni Reception on Wednesday, September 3. All current or former 4-H'ers attending MSU this fall are invited to stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30-7 p.m. for networking and 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. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception. Want to learn more about collegiate 4-H at MSU? Plan to stop by this event and stay for the club's first meeting of the fall semester, to start at the conclusion of the event.

Safe foods for 4-H events

Food safety is important when hosting food events or fundraisers. A new fact sheet, **Safe Food for 4-H Events**, was created to provide education and resources for 4-H staff, volunteers and youth who are coordinating and participating in 4-H food fundraisers or events. View the factsheet at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/safe-food-for-4-h-events. In addition, MSU Extension held a training on food safety best practice guidelines for those who are planning for, preparing and implementing food fundraisers or events. 4-H families are encouraged to watch the training online at https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/Safe+Food+for+4-H+Events/1_krsqf3. As 4-H families plan fundraisers and other activities throughout the year, remember to review these important resources as a reminder of food safety best practice recommendations.

Calendar of Events

Through August 26

[A Day in the Garden](#)

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays, MSU Extension, Warren

August 2

[Breakfast on the Farm](#)

MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center, Lansing

Live in or around Ingham County? Stop by Breakfast on the Farm at the MSU Horse Teaching and Research Center. The event will include tours of the farm and great food.

August 2

[4-H State Shooting Sports Tournament](#)

Saginaw Field & Stream Club, Saginaw

August 3

Armada Fair Clean-Up

10 a.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

August 5

[Nature Center Field Trip](#)

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Sterling Heights Nature Center, Sterling Heights

August 8

Registration deadline for the [Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase](#)

August 11-17

[4-H Coffee Cart, Shred Sales Fundraisers](#)

Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

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August 11

4-H Ice Cream Social

4-4:30 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada. [R.S.V.P.](#)

August 12-14

[4-H Tech Camp](#)

3-6 p.m., VerKuijen Building., Clinton Township

August 14

[Beach Day](#)

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

August 14-17

[2025 Michigan 4-H State Horse Show](#)

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

The State 4-H Horse Show is an annual, three-day event that brings together 4-H members from counties across Michigan. Members are selected by their county 4-H programs to participate in this event; spectators are welcome.

August 18

[Adulting 101-Navigating Life: Addressing and Handling Peer Pressure](#) Online

This interactive presentation will explore the reality of peer pressure and ways to identify, process, and overcome it, to ensure healthy decision making and positive self-confidence.

September 17

[Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress & Deliver with Confidence](#) Online

Learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment, from effective verbal & written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

September 20

[Michigan State 4-H Dog Show](#)

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna, MI