



Missaukee County

# 4-H Family News

January 2020

## Wishing you the best in 2020!

Many people make resolutions to lose weight or change something about themselves each year. But I don't want to change myself in 2020. Oh, I'm not saying I'm perfect; I know I can be better and do better.

My 2020 resolutions are to grow 4-H in Missaukee County. I want the programs we have in place now to be bigger and better than ever before. I want every youth involved to get as much benefit as possible for their participation. I want every youth to be involved more than they were last year. I want more youth involved than ever before.

How do I plan to do this? By asking for your help. You know what programs we need to reach more youth. You know individuals looking to make a difference in this county. You have ideas. I know I can't do this on my own, so I'm hoping we can do it together.

Sincerely,

Brandie Sigler

Missaukee County 4-H Program Coordinator

FEBRUARY 28, 2020

MOCK IT  
THEN  
ROCK IT

2020 MOCK INTERVIEW DAY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
8 AM - 11 AM

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## Happy Birthday

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## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### You're Invited!



Get your tickets now for the fifteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's Basketball game against Penn State on Sunday, March 1, 2020. Game time is TBD.

This event is FREE of charge for MSU Extension 4-H youth, volunteers, and their families!

As in year's past, there will be games and activities on the concourse of the Breslin in advance of the game. The Southwest Harrison Gate will open for those who wish to take part in those activities.

When you click CHECKOUT, you will have to fill in some information in order to get the tickets sent to you. Fill out your first and last name, email, and phone number.

In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in: Missaukee County 4-H.

When you fill out all the information on the screen click, CONFIRM.

After you click confirm you are all set! You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan your tickets off your phone once at the game or you can print them and bring them to the game.

Claim your tickets: <https://fevo.me/34iKc1r>

#### January 11: Canine 4-H Companions Meeting

*Butterfield Township Hall*

10 am. Topic: Dog First Aid II

#### January 11, 18 & 25: Blazing Arrows Club Meeting

*Falmouth Community Center Gymnasium*

10-11 am. Club meets every Saturday at 10 am and every Thursday except the second of the month at 6 pm.

#### January 16, 23 & 30: Blazing Arrows Club Meeting

*Falmouth Community Center Gymnasium*

6-7:30 pm. Club meets every Saturday at 10 am and every Thursday except the second of the month at 6 pm.

#### January 21: Missaukee Hop-A-Longs Club Meeting

*Missaukee County MSU Extension Conference Room*

5:30 pm. Everything you ever wanted to know about rabbits and their care.

#### January 21: Backyard Poultry Club Meeting

*Missaukee County MSU Extension Conference Room*

6:30 pm. Everything you ever wanted to know about poultry and their care.

#### January 27: Exploration Days Pre-Trip Meeting

*Missaukee County MSU Extension Conference Room*

5:30 pm. Learn about Exploration Days and make decisions about add-on options.

#### March 2: Culver's Fundraiser for Exploration Days

*Culver's, Cadillac*

5-8 pm. Support youth raising funds to offset the cost of Exploration Days.

#### March 15-18: 4-H Capitol Experience

*Lansing*

4-day conference in Lansing focused on civic engagement and public policy. See page 5 for more information.

#### June 24-26: Exploration Days

*MSU Campus, East Lansing*

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 11-19 to explore their future, try new things, and experience college life.

#### June 28-30: North Central Region 4-H Camp

*Bambi Lake Camp, Roscommon*

Summer Camp for youth ages 8-12.



## MSU Extension to launch new portal for volunteers in 2020

In early 2020, MSU Extension will launch Volunteer Central, a statewide volunteer management database and screening system. Volunteers are the core of many MSU Extension programs and the most essential partners MSU Extension has. As such, the organization has made a major investment into Volunteer Central in an effort to improve processes for both staff and volunteers. In the new system, volunteers will enjoy improved features including easy-to-read dashboards and a one-stop application process, among other advantages.

A unique feature of Volunteer Central is that each volunteer will have their own unique online account and profile. Unlike 4-H Online, family profiles will not be permitted. This is necessary to protect the confidentiality of each volunteer and the integrity of data in the system. In preparation for the launch of Volunteer Central, those who currently share an email address with another 4-H volunteer should make plans to create a separate email address for each shared user. For those who may need help with this task, holiday time with family, friends and neighbors is a great opportunity to ask for assistance in this area.

Once you have created a new email address, please either:

1. Log in to 4-H Online and add the newly created email address to the volunteer with whom it should be associated; or
2. Contact your local 4-H program coordinator and share the newly created email address and the volunteer with whom the account should be associated.

The email addresses in 4-H Online and shared with 4-H program coordinators will be used to create access accounts for current volunteers in Volunteer Central. In the coming weeks, look for additional information about Volunteer Central and when current volunteers will have access to the system. In the meantime, please contact your local 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

## 4-H Day at the Breslin tickets available

Join us for the 15th annual celebration of MSU Extension 4-H Youth Development at the MSU Women's Basketball game. The Spartans will host the Penn State Nittany Lions on Sunday, March 1, at the Breslin Center on MSU's campus. Game time is still to be determined (either 12 p.m. or 2 p.m.). Gates open 1.5 hours before tip-off, come early to enjoy all the fun activities going on around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff and their families.



NEW THIS YEAR: 4-H members and guests will obtain their own tickets online. Use the [ticket link \(https://fevo.me/34iKclr\)](https://fevo.me/34iKclr) to claim as many free tickets as desired. Once at the link, select the number of tickets required and click "add to cart." The tickets will be added to your cart, free of charge. Once done, click "CHECKOUT." Fill in your first and last name, email and phone number. In the space that says "Let's make it memorable. Name your event:" please type in your county followed by 4-H (ex. Ingham County 4-H). Once you name your event, you will need to fill in your address. After filling out all the information on the screen, click "CONFIRM." You will receive an email with your tickets. You can either scan tickets off your phone at the game or print them from your email and bring them to the game so they can be scanned at entry.

## 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you making plans to apply for a 2020 Michigan 4-H State Award? Take note of the exciting changes to this year's program!

- The awards program will be held on Wednesday evening of 4-H Exploration Days.
- Senior interviews will be held via Zoom during the week of June 9.
- This will open up the opportunity for all State Award delegates to attend both first and second half sessions at 4-H Exploration Days.
- Applications will be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Learn more and apply at: [extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards).

## 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsmanship winner



Michigan 4-H congratulates Caleb Hall, of Shiawassee County, on being named the 2019 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsman of the Year!

Hall received nine nominations, and that in itself is an incredible accomplishment. Their nomination letters were accompanied by an enthusiastic letter of support from Nikki Hersch, Shiawassee County 4-H program coordinator.

The nominators shared stories of leadership, mentorship to other 4-H youth, determination and passion for his animal projects, and his bright personality. Additionally, Hall was awarded Shiawassee County's John & Joan Spindler Sportsmanship Award in 2019. Congratulations Caleb!

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### January 15: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

*St. Joseph County Intermediate School District, Centreville*

YQCA is an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 18.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-for-the-quality-care-of-animals-yqca-st-joseph-county-01-15-20>

### January 31: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join this Friday evening judging workshop followed by a practice contest on Saturday morning! The workshop will feature three classes and an opportunity to give oral reasons. This is an approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-horse-judging-workshop>

### February 1: 4-H Benefit Clinic

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing*

Join us for an annual clinic, with a day full of clinics in the classroom and arena.

Topics will include showmanship, trail, and barrel racing.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic-1>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.



# 4-H

## EXPLORATION DAYS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

JUNE 24-26, 2020  
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**4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,400 participants from across Michigan.**

There's always lots to do and see at 4-H Exploration Days! Have fun, learn new things and make new friends on the beautiful MSU campus! Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions, including:

- Animal Science
- Careers & Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Environmental Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Visual & Performing Arts

### Come join the fun!

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your local MSU Extension office by April 30, 2020. Ask your local MSU Extension office for a copy of the registration book, or get it from our website at: [canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/)

### Entertainment

An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the world-class Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!



# 4 - H REGIONAL ARCHERY TRAINING



**Interested in becoming a 4-H Archery Instructor? This training is for you!**

**LOCATION:**  
Northland Sportsman's  
Club  
1592 Old Alba Rd  
Gaylord, MI 49735

**CONTACT:**  
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Cheboygan County 4-H  
Office (231) 627-8815

Karie Saxton  
Kalkaska County 4-H  
Office (231) 258-3320

Dev Davis  
Otsego County 4-H  
Office (989) 731-0272

Kaelie Fessler,  
Presque Isle County 4-H  
Office (989) 734-2168

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Open to all 4-H teen leaders 14 years old and older and all 4-H adults volunteers who have completed the Volunteer Selection Process prior to registration.

**DATE:** Saturday, January 18th & Sunday, January 19th  
8am to 5:30pm each day

**COST:** The cost to attend the two day training is \$40 per person. There may be scholarships to offset the cost of the program. Meals and snacks will be provided. Please call your county office for more information. There will be a \$20 cancellation fee.

**PROGRAM SUMMARY:** Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? All 4-H Shooting Sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor. Instructors must become certified in the specific discipline(s) they wish to lead. These disciplines include archery, rifle, shotgun, muzzleloader, hunting and wildlife and pistol. This Regional Training is for Archery only. The training includes skill development, safety, risk management and appropriate ways to share this content with youth. To maintain Instructor status, re-certification is required every 3 years.

Please register with MSU Events Management at  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/NMIArchery2020/>  
The registration deadline is January 4, 2020



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## Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience March 15-18, 2020

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75 to 100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

After choosing current issue areas (options below), participants interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, meet with state agency staff, lobbyists and other state-level experts, discover how policy is made, and explore various careers in public policy. Recreation is included in the schedule. At the end of the conference, the teens leave with an understanding of the impact that their voice can have on policy and their communities – now and in the future.

### Choose Your Issue Area

Participants will choose their top three issue areas and will learn about one. They will work with other teens to draft a bill related to their issue and will go through a legislative simulation. Issue group choices may include:

- Agriculture
- Civil Rights
- Education
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Health
- Human Services
- Governmental Reform
- Jobs & the Economy
- Law Enforcement & Corrections
- Technology & Energy

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### Location, Registration & Cost

The Okemos Conference Center provides lodging for the program and also serves as the program headquarters. Tours and agency visits take place at the State Capitol, Michigan Supreme Court, and surrounding areas.

**\$360 4-H members**  
**\$380 Non members**

Contact your local MSU Extension or Farm Bureau office to inquire about scholarship opportunities.

**Registration deadline: February 9, 2020**

For more information visit:  
[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_capitol\\_experience/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/)

