



Monroe County

4-H Family News

September 2019

Post Fair Meeting September 5th @ 7pm

Can you believe the 2019 Monroe County Fair has come and gone?! It time to start thinking about the new program year!

Our annual Post Fair Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5 at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Activity Center. Agenda items for the meeting will include:

2019-2020 Enrollment

Distribution of Candy

Discussion of the 2019 Fair Recommendations for 2020

Update on Fall Activities

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

County Award Program & Recognition

*****Each club needs to be represented at this meeting, as we**

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SEPTEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHONDIST	28 7PM TEEN AM-BASSADORS @ AC	29	30	31
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 7PM TERRA QUEST @ AC	4	5 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC 7PM POST FAIR MEETING @ AC	6	7
8 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @ AC	9 6PM YLB @ ELC 7PM COUNCIL @ ELC 7PM HORSE & PONY @ AC	10 7PM DAIRY BOARD @ CALDERS FARM	11	12 6:30PM RAISINVILLE WRANGLERS @ AC	13	14
15 5PM JLA BUYER BANQUET @ AC	16 7PM CAT BOARD @ AC	17 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL @ AC 7PM SPAGHETTI DINNER COMMITTEE @ ELC	18	19 7PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD	20	21
22 5PM SAA BUYER BANQUET @ AC	23	24 6PM 4-H CSI @AC 7PM DOG BOARD @ IDA METHODIST	25 7PM TEEN AM-BASSADORS @AC	26	27	28
29	30 6PM Whispering Spirits 4-H Club @ AC					



OCTOBER 2018



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		1 7PM TERRA QUET @ AC	2	3 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @ AC	4	5
6	7 6PM YLB @ AC 7PM COUNCIL @ AC	8	9	10	11	12 2PM LEGACY 4-H CLUB @AC
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
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13 4PM HIPPOLOGY PRACTICE @ AC	14 7PM HORSE & PONY @AC	15 7PM CAPRINE COUNCIL@ AC	16 7PM Shooting Sports @ AC 7PM JLA @ ELC	17 1PM FAITHFUL FRIENDS @AC 7PM FAIR ADVISORY BOARD @ ELC	18 GARAGE SALE SET UP @ AC	19 FALL GARAGE SALE @ AC
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27 4PM TRUNK OR TREAT @ AC	28 7PM SAA ANNUAL MEETING @ AC	29	30 7PM TEEN AMBASSADORS @ AC	31		

WE'RE HIRING

MONROE COUNTY 4-H
PROGRAM COORDINATOR



Visit <http://careers.msu.edu>

Posting # 603262

Application Deadline September 17th

ATTENTION ALL LEADERS

If you have members that left their fair projects behind they **MUST** pick them up no later than Thursday September 5th!
We are **NOT** a storage unit and all left over projects will be donated to our 4-H Garage Sale or discarded.

Thank you!!!!!!!

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail!! **ALL checks must be cashed within 90 Days, otherwise void!**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office: 734-241-5775!!

Congratulations

Lindsey Roof

The winner of our Junior Superintendent drawing!

Thank you to all our youth who helped as Junior Superintendents during fair this year.

Michigan State Fair



Monroe County 4H was well represented at the Michigan State Fair this year. Aaron Ostrander won Grand Champion Goat Showman and Stony Buel won Grand Champion Dairy Showman. Both Youths then competed in the Showmanship Sweepstakes. Below picture is taken with Blair and Kimberly Bowman, the owners of The Suburban Showcase and the Michigan State Fair.



Banquet Save-the-Date(s)



JLA: September 15th @ 5pm- 4-H Activity Center

SAA: September 22nd @ 5pm- 4-H Activity Center

Dog Board: October 5th @ 6pm– Ida Methodist Church

Caprine Council: October 20th @ 4pm– 4-H Activity Center

Horse & Pony: November 1st @7pm– 4-H Activity Center



Candy Sale



September 5th– October 18th

The 4-H Council has two major fundraisers each year, the candy sale and the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction, in addition to the kitchen during Fair week. The annual candy sale, which has received excellent support in the past will begin on September 5th. This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals.

****Members who sell two boxes of candy will be entered to win a family pack of Kalahari Resort Tickets!**

Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner. The candy will be distributed at the Post Fair Meeting.

Spaghetti Dinner and Auction

We are looking for auction items for the Spaghetti Dinner. Please use the attached flyer to advertise the event and reach out for donations. To help with advertising this great event, we are offering a ****New**** Yard Sale Sign Contest for members and clubs. See the next page for details.

Annual 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Yard Sign Advertising Contest

This new project is for the promotion of the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction fundraiser. As a new area, general rules have been given below but are subject to change in the future. Winning entries will be determined by the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction committee.

Educational Objective: To learn about effective advertising techniques with printed media by using a standard 'yard sign wire frame' (your own or one from the 4-H Office) to design a two-sided posting to advertise the annual 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Auction.

Use information (date, time, location) as printed on the adjoining flyer

Signs to be displayed at the member's home or other 4-H friendly area (you may need permission to post)

Signs to be delivered to the 4-H Office or Activity Center with auction donation for display at the Fairgrounds a few days preceding the event

Signs can be made by a club or an individual

Only one entry per club

An individual may also submit an entry even if part of a club entry

Members must supply their own materials (yard sign wire frames are available at the 4-H Office if needed)

Any media can be used – paint, markers, paper cut-outs, stickers, etc.

Please keep all items/embellishments used within the borders of the sign

Members should include all relevant information regarding the event as supplied on the attached flyer - Event, Date, Time, Location - required

Members should display the completed sign in their front yard or other approved location - 4-H Supporter, family business, etc.

Members need to send/email/drop off a photo of them with their posted sign no later than **October 31st** to:

Extension Learning Center (aka 4-H Office)

963 S. Raisinville Road

Monroe, MI 48181

Or email to Sara Lewis at seitzsa1@msu.edu

Members should deliver their sign with their auction donation to the 4-H Office or Activity Center the week before the event (Nov 7th-14th)

Winning entries will be judged by the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction committee based on:

Creativity

Neatness

Completeness of information



Monroe County 4-H
Annual



SPAGHETTI DINNER & AUCTION



Saturday November 16, 2019

Dinner 4-7 pm

Live Auction 6:30 pm

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

*** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

Silent Auction begins when doors open

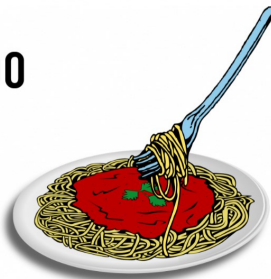
Kids Auction ** Bakesale ** Pick a Prize

Presale tickets \$8.00

Adult \$10.00

Kids 4-9 \$4.00

Family \$35.00



Meal Includes:

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI

A Salad, Bread, Drink,

Homemade Pie or Dessert

All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming

Special thanks to the 2019 JLA and SAA Buyers for their support!

ABCO Services	Crystal Flash	Guldi Farm
Above & Beyond Service & Repair	D&P Communications	Haws Family Farms
Allen Chevrolet Cadillac	Danny's Fine Foods	Heath & Jamie Hunter
Amber Stein	David Swartout MC Commissioner Dist 7	Heartland Bank & Trust
Am Bognar Trucking	David Thompson, DrainCommissioner	Heck Farms
American Family Concessions	Dawn Divert	Helena Agri Enterprises
Andrew Baker	Dentel Farms	Herkimer Sand
ASF Construction & Bedford Machinery	Dekalb Seeds/ Gary & Connie Kreps	Homrich
Auto Body Plant	Detroit Stoker Company	Horn Leasing
Bakers Gas	Diuble Equipment	Huber & Sons LLC
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Bill Branham	Drodt Farms Inc	In Memory of Gail Meyer
Bill Stumpmier	Dundee Lumber	Innovative Fluid LLC
Bob & Debbie Yeo	Durocher's TV Appliance	Iott Building Company
Brad & Cheri Baumann	Eagle Security Services LLC	Iott Insurance Agency
Brian Goetz Farms	Eagle Valley Ag Risk Advisors	Jackie Manwell
Brittannie Cummings	Earl Bryant	Jacobs Architects
Brookview Farms, Meats & Barbeque	Electrical Services Plus	Jacob's Supply
Brost Farms	Family Farm & Home - 52	James Zitek
Cadillac Asphalt	Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Janice Doederlein
Calkins Farms	Fedor Steel Inc	Janssen Brothers Farm
Carleton Farm Supply	Ferris and Sons Milk Hauling	Jason Kitts
Carleton Pharmacy	Finishers Unlimited of Monroe	JC Hunt Club
Carrie Windels	Flowers By Winter	Jeff & Julie Linn
Chad & Patty Dubke	Fred Fedorowicz	Jerome Country Market
Chambers Farm	Fred Ott	Jeth Ott Little Brown Jug
Chapman Brothers Show Stock	Gabe's Construction	Jeffrey Thomas
Charles Bierman	Garst LP Gas	Jennifer & Herman Brey
Chris Niemi	Gem Inc.	Jeremy Chisholm/Collins & Blaha, PL
CM Smith Sand & Stone	Gerken Paving/ Materials Inc.	Jessica Stotz
Corey & Mallory Setzler	Golden Harvest Seeds	JH Ward Insurance Agency
Countryside Excavating	Greenstone Farm Credit Services	Jim Haxton
Cox Trucking		John Marion Inc

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John Russell	Monroe County Fair Board	Smith Trucking Inc
Jon Kantz	Monroe County Farm Bureau	Spartan Insurance
Joseph Johnson Dynamic Transportation	Monroe County Republican Party	Specialty Hardwood Molding
Joyce & Judge Michael A Weipert	Monroe Dodge Chrysler	Spotts Excavating & Paving LLC
Judge Michael Brown	Monroe Feeds	St. Isidore Farm
Just Right Grain Systems	Monroe Real Estate	Stanger Seed Solutions
K9 Army Dog Training	Moonlyte Equestrian Center	Star Towing/Shane Anders
Kamprath Farms	Mpm Oil	State of Michigan Rep. Joe Bellino
Ken & Bobbie Rector	Mud Creek Farms	State Senator Dale W Zorn
Kentucky Speedway	Napoleon Livestock	Stephen Gray
Kiwanis Club of Monroe	Northcoast Real Estate	Stoneco
Knabusch Insurance/ Fremont Insurance	Nutrien Ag Solutions	Stotz Brothers LLC
Kreps Brothers Farms	Old Town Landscaping	TC Clements for State Representative
Kyle McCalla	Ottawa Lake Co-op	Team Trailer Sales & Service
L & M Farms	Pam Smith - Joe Smith Farms	The Andersons
Lee Wright Siding	Paschall Bros Construction	The McIntyre
Leicht Farms	Patricia A Vajcner Monroe Legal Center	Thompson Plumbing & Heating
Liedel Power Cleaning and Painting	Paul F Marks	Tim Berta
Lievens Family Farm	Pegasus Mold & Die	Tim Henes Family
Lisa Manwell and Kevin Jinks	Pittman Trucking	Tim Laitur Attorney
Lori Keinath Realtor	RA Rush Plumbing	Scholl's Slaughter House
Lori Kleinow	Reau Manufacturing Company	Tire Depot
Lotus Financial Services	Reaume/Kuehnlein Farms	TLC Community Credit Union
Luke Kreps Southeastern Fencing LLC	Red D Transport	Tom & Andrew Woelmer Farm
Martha Heck and Richard Wilson	Republic Services	Troy and Carolee Goodnough
Mark & Kimberly Gardner	Paul Iacoangeli	UIS Insurance & Investments
Mark Cotton/Grower Direct Marketing	RLS Private Wealth Consulting	Vajcner Business Center
Martin and Sherry Kuhn	Rollo Juckette & BradNewhart Auctioneers	Valentine Family
Masserants Feed and Grain	Ryan Pittman	Walker Farms
Matt Corbin	Ryan's Nursery	Warm Farms
Meijer	Salenbien Materials	Wellman Seed
Metz Seed Farms	Salenbien Trucking & Excavating	Wells Farm
Meyer Boylan Farms	Salenbien Welding	William Bruck Visiting Angels
Michael & Gina Baker	Sean Zaborowski	Winkelman's Rofoing
Mid America Shows	Secord Farms LLC	Winter's Show Pigs
Mid America Group	Seegert & Seegert Financial Services	Wolverine State Concrete
Mieden Farms	Sieb Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning	Zeeland Farm Services
Monroe Bank & Trust	Sieler's Old Grainery Feed Store	

4th Annual Teen Ambassadors Trunk r' Treat and Kid's "All-Star" Day!



This event is for:

**Anyone new that would like to learn more about 4-H!
Open to the Public!**

Place: Activity Center

When: Sunday, October 27th

Time: 4PM to 5:30PM

Events include:

Treats, Games, Crafts, Trunk r' Treating

The Awards Program will begin at 4:45PM for current

4-H Clover Buds – ages 5 to 7

4-H'ers – ages 8 to 10

Costumes are encouraged!

Please park your car in the north lot of the Activity Center if you wish to participate in passing out yummy treats! It is highly recommended that each club decorates a trunk and participates in this event! The best decorated trunk will win a prize! Set-up time for decorating your trunk will start at 3PM.

Please contact Patsy Hancz if you are participating in decorating a trunk & passing out treats

Phancz20@yahoo.com or 734-915-9202.



Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

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Connie Lange
517-279-4311

Sara Keinath
231-779-9480

ON THE WEB:
[https://
www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/)

SYLC



TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2020, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a state committee of MSU Extension staff. SYLC member terms are two years.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

HOW TO APPLY:

Online application is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc19/> due October 28. Applicants must also request two adults, one being their 4-H Program Coordinator complete an electronic reference on their behalf.

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SYLC Applications Open

Where/Where do SYLC members meet?

The council meets monthly using Zoom online video conferencing and holds at least two in-person meetings annually in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular and 4-H Exploration Days. Additional in-person meetings may be scheduled at the request of group members.

Why would youth be interested in SYLC?

SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members receive training on public speaking, advocacy, communication, and leadership skills. Members are invited to represent Michigan 4-H at events across the state. In addition, SYLC members form friendships and a professional network with other 4-H members from across Michigan, and have fun!

"SYLC has been such a great experience that has not only allowed me to build my leadership, teamwork and communication skills but has also opened doors and provided opportunities for my future that I am still discovering even as my 4-H career is coming to a close."

- Torey Fischer, 2018-19 SYLC member



"SYLC has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

- Addy Battel, 2018-19 SYLC member



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MICHIGAN 4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP
SPECTACULAR!
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2019 ~ TUSTIN, MI ~ KETTUNEN CENTER

Who should attend:

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular is a lively celebration of the power of young people as leaders! In the spirit of “thinking globally and acting locally”, participants in this exciting, energetic, hands-on conference will participate in small and large group sessions to share and develop valuable knowledge and skills related to youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, and international cultures.

This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by January 1, 2019), who seek to develop skills to serve (or assist youth serving) in leadership roles in clubs, schools, communities, the state, and the world.

Attending the 2019 Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures...it will change your world!

Cost:

- 4-H Members (current, returning and brand new!), Adult Volunteers and MSUE Staff—\$85.00
- Registration fee includes four delicious Kettunen Center home-cooked meals, overnight lodging, a variety of action-packed workshops and a truly unforgettable experience!
- Not a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension office today!

Registration information:

- The deadline to register for this event is September 9, 2019
- To register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>

Find out more...

Visit the registration site for additional details, including the event handbook.

For more information, contact your county MSU Extension office or Brian Wibby @ 906-251-1417 – wibby@msu.edu

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.



Day 1 – Saturday, September 21, 2019

9:00 – 10:00 am	Check-In and pick up registration materials
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Conference Opening Session
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Passport to Youth Power: Breakout Session #1*
2:45 – 3:45 pm	Passport to Youth Power: Breakout Session #2*
3:45-4:15 pm	Travel Around the World (Of Snacks) In 30 Minutes
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Passport to Youth Power: Breakout Session #3*
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Cultural Activities
9:00 – 10:30 pm	Evening Recreation and Social Time

Day 2 – Sunday, September 22, 2019

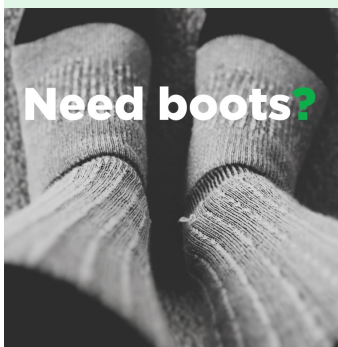
7:00 – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am – 10:30 am	Building Confident, Authentic and Impactful Leadership Workshop
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Conference Closing Session
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00	Departure

* Passport to Youth Power: Breakout Sessions #1, #2 and #3 will feature a variety of workshop sessions focused on helping youth (and adults who support youth) to develop knowledge and skills related youth leadership and global citizenship. Sessions may address the following topics:

- Teen/Youth leadership
- 4-H Club Officer roles
- Youth volunteerism
- Youth Voice
- Youth/Adult Partnerships
- Nurturing healthy relationships
- Responsible citizenship
- Teamwork and Team building
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Understanding and valuing differences
- Communication Skills
- Cooperation
- Conflict resolution
- International exchanges
- Community service and service learning
- Community engagement
- Civic Engagement
- Cultural competency

The Passport to Youth Power Breakout sessions may be led by youth 4-H members, adult 4-H leaders and volunteers and/or MSU Extension/4-H staff members. If you would like to volunteer to propose an lead a Passport to Youth Power: Breakout Session, submit your [session proposal](mailto:wibby@msu.edu) by September 1, 2019 to Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu

Georgia Boots partners to support 4-H



Georgia Boot is offering members of the 4-H community a 50% discount on any boots on their website (except clearance items) through Sept. 30.

Georgia Boot will also give part of all 4-H boot sales back to 4-H by donating 5% to the National 4-H Council. To get your discount code, go to www.georgiaboot.com/4-h/ and register.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 3: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

Join MSU Extension for the third annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. Pizza and pop will be provided for participants and MSU Extension staff will be on hand to interact with attendees.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

September 9: Youth Fun with Finances

Harvest Time Christian Fellowship, Warren

The free and fun event is open for youth, ages 13-19, to participate and learn about how to save money and earn credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-fun-with-finances>

September 18: 4-H Children's Garden - Stories for Sprouts and Seedlings

4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

This program is designed especially for young children, ages 0-4, to experience the wonders of gardening through stories and hands-on projects.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-children-s-garden-stories-for-sprouts-and-seedlings-september>

September 21: Michigan Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

Kettunen Center, Tustin

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youth-leadership-global-citizenship-spectacular>

October 4: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

All Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting such as trustee elections, audited financial statement report, and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.



Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular

The Michigan 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular embodies Michigan 4-H's mission to make the world a better place through collective youth power. Attending the annual conference will help you become an outstanding leader who approaches life with your head, heart and hands open to new ideas, interesting people, and diverse cultures. Come to the 2019 4-H Spectacular and be part of the movement that has YOUth leading the way!

The workshop features a wide variety of incredibly fun sessions focused on youth leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship, international cultures, life skills, career exploration and workforce preparation. Sessions for the workshop have been planned, and will be led, by youth and adult volunteers and MSU Extension staff.

The 4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular will be held September 21-22, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin, Michigan. This workshop is open to current and aspiring leaders and volunteers, ages 12 and up (by Jan. 1, 2019).

Participants must register for the 4-H Spectacular by September 9. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spectacular19/>. The registration fee (\$85.00) includes superb lodging, four delicious, home-cooked meals, conference resources and some great surprises!

In order to participate in the 4-H Spectacular, youth participants must also enroll (or re-enroll) in Michigan 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H program year (which begins on September 1), and pay the \$20 4-H participation by September 15, 2019. Contact the 4-H staff at the [MSU Extension office in your county](#) to learn about the availability of scholarships that may reduce or completely cover your registration fee for this event.

Michigan 4-H represented by two youth at 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships

Michigan 4-H was represented by two youth in the [4-H Shooting Sports National Championships](#) held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 23 through June 28.

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championship is open to youth across the country to compete and present their skills in compound archery, recurve archery, air rifle, air pistol, smallbore rifle, smallbore pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and hunting.

“We’re really proud of our two 4-H’ers who attended this national event,” said Laura Quist, Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports coordinator with MSU Extension. “Competing at the national level takes a lot of commitment, time and effort.”

Preparation for youth to attend the national championships begins months in advance of the competition. The youth selected to participate put in considerable practice time in their chosen events in order to compete at their best.

The Michigan 4-H youth that attended and competed are:

- Joe Balkema, a 15 year-old Kalamazoo County 4-H’er, who received a gold medal in 3-D archery and third place overall in compound archery.
- Jackson Sokel, a 16 year-old Monroe County 4-H’er, who competed in shotgun.

“Congratulations again to these two youth on a great contest,” continued Quist. “We also want to acknowledge and thank the parents of these 4-H’ers who helped to make their success possible.”

Applications for youth wishing to attend the event in 2020 are due to Quist by September 22. For information about the competition or [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports](#) in general, contact Quist at quistl1@msu.edu.

Apply now for the 2020 4-H Youth in Action Awards



Every 4-H’er has a story, and those stories are worth telling! Apply for the 4-H Youth in Action program, where sharing your 4-H story could earn you a \$5,000 scholarship and a trip to Washington, D.C. for National 4-H Council’s Legacy Awards!

The program recognizes four confident young leaders in our core pillar areas of Agriculture, Civic Engagement, Healthy Living and STEM, giving pillar winners the chance to share how 4-H changed their lives and how they have used the skills they gained in 4-H to change the lives of others.

One national winner will be selected from the four pillar winners to receive an additional scholarship and recognition! Applications open on through October 21. Visit www.4-h.org/youthinaction to learn more or email any questions to YouthInAction@4-h.org.