

# 4-H Family News

## Montcalm County



As we continue to get closer to fair, the Montcalm County Fair Association and its committees will be pushing information out to be shared. Please remember to read the information that is being shared, as well as reaching out to the Fair Association contacts for fair related questions. If you're unsure who to ask, don't hesitate to peruse the newsletters/Montcalm County Fair Association and Montcalm County 4-H websites, or email our office to be directed to the proper contact.

Our program is funded through a millage, in partnership with the MSU-Extension office and the Montcalm Conservation District. With the millage being up for renewal this August, we have included an educational flyer for your reference. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our office.

**Sunni Haglund**  
4-H Program Coordinator

### Montcalm County Committee Meeting times & locations

- Fairboard Association | 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month | 7:00 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds
- 4-H Dog Committee | 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month | 6:30 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93418977992> passcode: 4Hdog)
- 4-H Horse Leaders | 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month | 7:00 pm | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/96502762151> passcode: Horse)
- 4-H Council | 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month | 6:30 pm | via zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95340301576> passcode: Council)
- 4-H Community Connection Committee (CCC) | 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month | 7:00 pm | via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95542684298> passcode: 4HCCC)
- 4-H Shooting Sports Committee | 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month | 6:30 pm | Flat River Conservation Club & via Zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/92438446044> (passcode: shoot)
- 4-H Small Animal Committee | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month | 6:00 pm | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93871161694> (passcode: small)
- 4-H Youth Livestock Committee | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month | 6:30 p.m. | Ash Building - Fairgrounds & via zoom  
(<https://msu.zoom.us/j/95230983610> (passcode: youth)
- MCFA Livestock Committee | 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month | 7:00 PM | Ash Building – Fairgrounds & via zoom (<https://msu.zoom.us/j/94798506516> (passcode: MCFAAC)

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# Millage Renewal

## Montcalm County Michigan State University Extension, including 4-H, and Montcalm Conservation District

### Michigan State University Extension

*MSU Extension helps people improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities.*

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Entrepreneurship • Youth Development • Government

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### 4-H Head ★ Heart ★ Hands ★ Health

*The youth development program of MSU Extension, 4-H provides fun, hands-on educational opportunities that prepare youth for life and work by helping them find their spark, build real world skills and become resilient, adaptable, lifelong learners.*

**2025 Stats** 142 Volunteers 471 Youth in Clubs/Committees  
1,004 Youth Involved 62 4-H Programs



[www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org)

[haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu)

989-831-7514

### Montcalm Conservation District

*Enhancing Montcalm County's natural resources through conservation education, outreach and partnerships.*

- Technical Assistance (Forestry, Invasive Species, Watershed Conservation, Agriculture, & more!)
- Conservation Education Events
- Tree & Native Plant Sale
- Comden-Towle Model Forest
- MI On-Farm Produce Safety
- MI Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) & Regenerative Agriculture Program
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Scholarship Opportunities



[www.montcalmcd.org](http://www.montcalmcd.org)

[montcalmcd@macd.org](mailto:montcalmcd@macd.org)

989-831-4212 x2136

77 S State St. Stanton, MI 48888

### Yes or No?

- "YES" vote means Montcalm County residents will continue to fund these organizations.
- "NO" vote means Montcalm County residents will NOT fund these organizations and will see a loss of currently available programs.

### History

In August of 2018 and August of 2022, Montcalm County voters approved a 4-year levy of 0.2000 Mills to support the operations of Montcalm County MSU Extension, 4-H and Montcalm Conservation District.

### Current Millage Stats

- 2116 Attendees @ MSUE & 4-H Events ('24)
- 821 Attendees @ Montcalm CD Events ('25)
- 83 4-H Community Service Projects ('25)
- 118,364 Trees & Native Plants Dispersed ('22 - '25)
- ~150 Acres of Invasive Species Treatment ('22 - '25)
- ~1.5 Families Helped Per Week Utilizing the Blessing's Pantry (NEW in '25)

### 2026 Millage Renewal Details

On August 4, 2026, a proposition for the renewal of this millage will be on the ballot in Montcalm County.

**\$ 0.2000 Mill = \$0.20 on every \$1,000 of taxable value\* of real and tangible personal property.**

**🕒 4 years (2027 - 2030)**

**📊 2026: \$373,555 to Montcalm County MSU Extension & 4-H**

**📊 2026: \$186,777 to Montcalm Conservation District**

| Cost of Home | Taxable Value | Annual Cost |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| \$100,000    | \$50,000      | \$10        |
| \$150,000    | \$75,000      | \$15        |
| \$200,000    | \$100,000     | \$20        |

\*The taxable value is often, but not always, 50% of the market value of the property. The numbers provided are estimates to aid in conceptualization.

### Operations Supported



Adequate Staffing



Existing & Expanding Programs & Services



Free Events, Workshops, Etc.



# COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **YQCA / Exhibitor Workshops** **Dates: 5/2-3**
- Fairboard **Date: 5/4/26**
- Dog Committee **Date: 5/7/26**
- Horse Leaders **Date: 5/12/26**
- **County-Wide Dog Practice** **Date: 5/12/26**
- **Small Animal Showmanship Workshop** **Date: 5/16/26**
- Advisory Council **Date: 5/18/26**
- Community Connections **Date: 5/18/26**
- Shooting Sports Committee **Date: 5/21/26**
- Small Animal / Youth Livestock / MCFAAC **Date: 5/26/26**
- F4HEC (Millage meeting - Friends of 4-H, Extension, and Conservation) **Date: 5/26/26**
- **County-Wide Dog Practice** **Date: 5/28/26**

Times and locations for each 4-H committee meeting can be found on the front page of this newsletter!

**Don't forget to visit the Montcalm County Fairgrounds**



4-H'ers are...

**2x**

more likely to  
have the goal  
of being a  
leader

**3x**

more likely to  
participate in  
community  
service

**2x**

more likely to  
report living life  
with intentionality  
and purpose





# 4-H Committee Information

Advisory Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 6:30 pm – Zoom

Dairy Committee – typically held just before/during/right after fair

Dog Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

Community Connections – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday following Advisory – Zoom

Horse Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00 pm – Ash Building

Small Animal Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:00 pm – Ash Building

Shooting Sports Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6:30 pm – FRCC/Zoom

Youth Livestock – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30 pm – Ash Building

Advisory Council – [Bylaws](#)

Community Connections – [Bylaws](#)

Shooting Sports – TBP

Dog Committee – [Bylaws](#)

Horse Committee – [Bylaws](#)

Small Animal Committee – [Bylaws](#)

Youth Livestock – [Bylaws](#)

If you are curious about what each committee is responsible for, feel free to look at their bylaws for more information.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_committees\\_minutes](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4_h_committees_minutes)



# 4-H Committee Information

## Advisory Council:

4-H'er of the Year applications are due the last Friday in May (<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/uploads/files/4-H'er%20of%20the%20Year%20Application%20Form.pdf>). The next meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

## Community Connections Committee: Facebook Page

May's challenge and submit a summary/photos via Facebook or to Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu).

**Shooting Sports:** Kim Fouts-Stebbins is our County's Shooting Sports Coordinator. All questions and requests pertaining to the shooting sports program, should go through her first. Her contact is [4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com](mailto:4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com)

Kim has also started a Shooting Sports Committee. She asks that all clubs who have shooting sports as a project area, attend the meetings and join the committee. The next Committee meeting will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Flat River Conservation Club, and via Zoom.



# 4-H Committee Information



## **Dog Committee:**

We are offering county-wide dog practices throughout the year on a rotating schedule for each practice (see page 20). If your youth is planning to show dog this year, please check out and follow the [4-H Dog Committee Facebook page](#), or stay tuned for future updates via email. Each youth exhibitor will have to participate in at least 2 of the County-Wide dog practices.

## **Horse Leaders Committee: [Facebook Page](#)**

New this year for fair: Authorized horse haul in on Saturday, June 20 from 3-6 PM; stay tuned for more information! The committee has been planning a series of upcoming shows and workshops, so stay tuned for more information: Buckle Series show begins May 8<sup>th</sup> ; Pleasure show is May 23<sup>rd</sup>; Tentative clinic scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Small Animal Committee: [Facebook Page](#)**

The 2026 Small Animal Showmanship Workshop will be held at the Small Animal Barn on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Poultry area received a very generous donation and will be putting up their NEW PENS this year!

## **Youth Livestock Committee:**

The next meeting will be a pre-fair tips and tricks / fine-tuning fair plans. The youth will also be discussing alternatives for the previously offered free shavings during fair.

# EXHIBITORS WORKSHOP / YQCA TRAINING



Join us for an informational pre-fair workshop followed by YQCA training. This workshop should be attended by all Montcalm County Fair exhibitors or a representative from each club

When: May 2 | 9 am - 11 pm  
May 3 | 3 pm - 5 pm

Exhibitors Workshop is mandatory for all exhibitors or a representative from each club. The YQCA class will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour for each session.

Where: Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Ash Building

How to Register: <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Cost: \$3 per person for in-person (or \$12 online per person)

Any questions, please email Sunni at [haglun10@msu.edu](mailto:haglun10@msu.edu)

**\*\*\*All Montcalm County market exhibitors MUST take the YQCA training prior to the 2026 fair | SEND CERTIFICATES TO MCFLIVESTOCK@GMAIL.COM\*\*\***

MSU Extension programs and material are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or Veteran status.



# Helpful Links

## Resources

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-resources](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-resources)

## County Awards and Scholarships

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-scholarships](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-scholarships)

## 4-H Youth Thriving Model

<https://helping-youth-thrive.extension.org/home/>

## 4-H.org – Activity Guides

<https://4-h.org/clover/activity-guides/download-4h-activity-guides/>

## MSU 4-H Resources

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/resources>

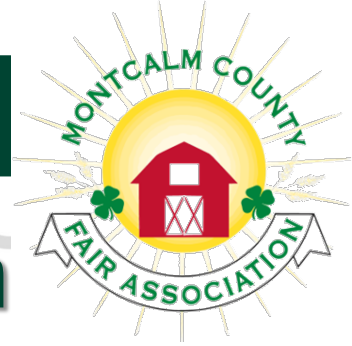
## MSU-Extension Montcalm County 4-H Page:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h)

**Club and Volunteer Information:** [https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h/4-h-club-volunteer-information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/4-h-club-volunteer-information)

## Montcalm County 4-H Welcome Packet:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/uploads/files/Welcome%20Packet.pdf>



# MCFA Committee Information

**Fairboard – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building**

**MCFA Livestock – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7:00 pm – Ash Building**

**Marketing Committee – Jackie Nadeau**

**Buildings and Grounds – Todd Hetherington**

**Bylaws/Policy & Procedure – Sunni Haglund**

**Budget and Audit – Tammy Hancock**

**Rental – Katie Johnson / Brad Heft**

**Judges – Sunni Haglund / Amanda Ives**

**Concessions/Exhibits/Grandstand Events**

**– Lisa Johnson**

**Fairbook / Showworks – Michelle Nitengale**

**Awards – Tammy Hancock**

**Kids Day / Special Needs Day – Brad Heft**

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm\\_county\\_4\\_h/fair\\_information](https://www.canr.msu.edu/montcalm-county/montcalm_county_4_h/fair_information)

**Committees that could really benefit with more members:**

**\*Bylaws/Policy and Procedures**

**\*Budget and Audit**

**\*Judges**

**\*Awards**

**\*Kids Day/Special Needs Day**

**\*Pee Wee Program**

If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please reach out to the individuals next to the committee. If you need contact information, please email Sunni at [haglund10@msu.edu](mailto:haglund10@msu.edu) or the MCFA Fairboard at [MCFAFairboard@gmail.com](mailto:MCFAFairboard@gmail.com)

## **Fairboard:**

**Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7 PM**

## **Superintendent Positions:**

**Swine – MCFA Livestock**

**Beef – MCFA Livestock**

**Sheep – MCFA Livestock**

## **Zoom Info:**

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/94798506516>  
(passcode: MCFAAC)



# MCFA Committee Updates:

## Your 2026 MCFA Board of Directors:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Todd Hetherington | Brad Heft        |
| Lisa Johnson      | Jason Nadeau     |
| Tammi Jahnke      | Joe Minkel       |
| Jamie Goodrich    | Amanda Ives      |
| Tammy Hancock     | Shawn Hyde       |
| Tommy Aldridge    | Melissa Williams |
| Dan Humphrey      | Jamison German   |
| Eric Christensen  |                  |

## 2026 MCFA Fair Information:

Montcalm County 4-H



Fair Association

**SHOWWORKS FAIR REGISTRATION: 1-17MAY**

Questions can be e-mailed to [MCFlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:MCFlivestock@gmail.com)

**Montcalm County Fair information will be disseminated via email, Facebook, the fair website, and in the 4-H newsletter, as it is known.**

<https://montcalmcountyfairgrounds.com/exhibitor-info>

## Showworks Entry Tips

Opens: May 1, 2026 Closes: May 17, 2026 at midnight

Web Site: <https://montcalm.fairwire.com>

Everyone is a NEW user.

Please enter names with first letter capitals. This is important for reports and sale bills.

No club entries at this point.

Name, Address, City, State and Zip – entry must be with upper and lower case letters.

Date of Birth – must be an actual date of birth, example XX-XX-XXXX.

Guardian Name: Please enter only primary parent first and last name, example Sam Smith.

Guardian Address: Please enter entire physical address separating street, city, state with commas, example 123 Lilly Drive, Greenville, MI 48838

(LIVESTOCK AUCTION EXHIBITORS ONLY) YQCA Number: Enter entire number, example XXXXXXXXXXXX. (type the entire 10-digit number)

### TAG NUMBERS

In Showworks:

TAG ID = MCF MARKET TAG (All Market Animals – Beef, Swine, Sheep Goats)  
ELECTRONIC ID = MDARD USDA TAG (Beef, Dairy and Swine)  
SCRAPIE TAG ID = Scrapie Tag Number (Sheep and Goats)

When entering market tag numbers, please refer to your species for specifics and enter as the example shows.

- Market Beef
  - MDARD USDA Tag: example 840XXXXXXXXXXXXX (use no spaces or dashes, 15 digits)
  - MCF Market Tag: example XXX (2 or 3 numbers only)
- Market Swine
  - MDARD USDA Tag: example 840XXXXXXXXXXXXX (use no space or dashes, 15 digits)
  - MCF Market Tag: example XXXX or XXXXX (only need 4 or 5 digit visual number)
- Market Poultry
  - Market Tags given at fair
- Market Sheep
  - Scrapie Tag Numbers, example MID XXXX XXXX (use entire letters and numbers separating with a space). If tag starts with 840, please use rules from beef and swine.
  - MCF Market Tag: example XXX (3 numbers)
- Market Rabbits
  - Market Pens, enter in Tattoo Field (example AAAXXX, AAAXXX, AAAXXX)
- Market Goats
  - Scrapie Tag Numbers, example MID XXXX XXXX (use entire letters and numbers separating with a space). If tag starts with 840, please use rules from beef and swine.
  - MCF Market Tag: example XXX (3 numbers)

## SWINE

Please follow the above instructions for the entry of MDARD USDA Tag and MCF Market Tag numbers above.

“Animal housed at”: guardian names and addresses are mandatory for MDARD, please use the examples listed above in the guardian name and address fields for entry here as well. If entered correctly, you should be able to use the autofill address unless it doesn’t apply.

Enter all animals including family floater only once. Register floater for oldest youth in the family. Animals will be swapped, if necessary, at the scales.

If entering a carcass swine, please register under Swine Market. Paperwork will be required at weigh-in. It is also required that the carcass animal buyer contact the processor with cut instructions before the end of the day on Monday.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## RABBITS

Please follow the above instructions for entry of the rabbit tattoo numbers.

All rabbit tattoos need to be entered for market pens as indicated above.

Please enter tattoos for each rabbit entered (both market and breed rabbits).

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## POULTRY

See Poultry Handout at end of document.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## BEEF

Please follow the above instructions for entry of the MDARD USDA Tag and MCF Market Tag numbers above.

When entering market beef or dairy steer, also check mark the mandatory ultrasound class and steer will be entered for both classes.

**DO NOT ENTER a family floater (if the floater is brought to the fair, it will be substituted then).**

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## SHEEP

Please follow the above instructions for entry of the Scrapies and MCF Market Tag numbers.

Enter all market animals including family floater only once. Register floater for oldest youth in the family. Animals will be swapped, if necessary, at the scales.

If entering a carcass lamb, please register under Market Lambs. Paperwork will be required at weigh-in. It is also required that the carcass animal buyer contact the processor with cut instructions before the end of the day on Monday.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## GOATS

Please follow the above instructions for entry of the Scrapies and MCF Tag numbers.

If your breeding animal is tattooed, please put the tattoo number in for TAG ID

Enter all market animals including family floater only once. Register floater for oldest youth in the family. Animals will be swapped, if necessary, at the scales.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## DAIRY

When entering MDARD USDA Tag: example 840 XXXXXXXXXXXXX.

If you are entering into group classes (215, 216 and/or 217), entry can be made with one of the animals that qualifies for the group. (Example, check mark Aged Cow and include her tag and MDARD USDA Tag number, also check mark the group classes that she qualifies.) **ONLY** one animal needs to be entered for the group classes. Group classes need to appear only once in your class cart.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## DOGS

Name of animal – please fill in with upper and lower case letters.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## CAMELIDS (Alpaca/Llama)

Performance Division - if animal qualifies for all three classes, a check mark in all classes will add all classes for that animal.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## SMALL ANIMAL/POCKET PETS

If entering pocket pets, more than one can be entered at a time.

## HORSES/PONIES

Registration will be defined by your riding level and if showing horse or pony.

Name of animal – please fill in with upper and lower case letters.

Walk/trot classes have their own class, when registering, if animal qualifies for more than one class, place a check mark in all classes qualified and they will be added for that animal.

Gymkhana classes have their own class, when registering, if animal qualifies for more than one class, place a check mark in all classes qualified and they will be added for that animal.

Gymkhana classes include horse and pony, ONLY MARK THOSE CLASSES QUALIFIED TO RIDE.

Cart Class includes both horse and pony, more than one class may be entered at the same time.

Exhibitors are required to enter a record book and showmanship.

## CLOVERBUD ANIMAL EXHIBITS

Cloverbuds may only enter classes offered in the Cloverbud Animal Division which is under each species.

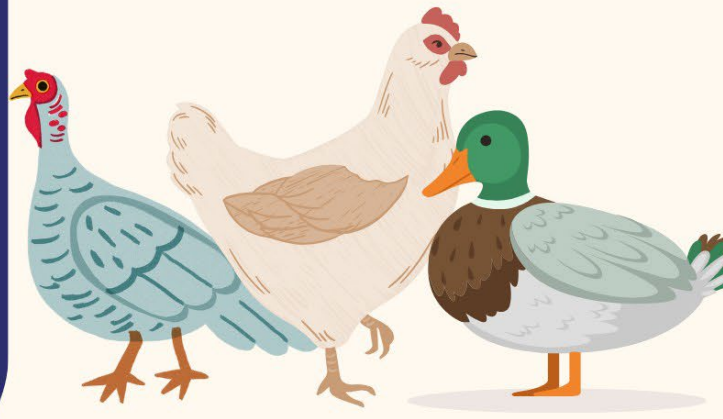
Horse, Rabbits, Goat and Poultry Cloverbuds will need to enter animal specific identification/tag.

# MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR

# POULTRY

# DIVISION

## SHOWWORKS SIGN-UP TIPS



### SHOWWORKS

 Every poultry exhibitor must register in Showworks

- All poultry projects are entered online
- Entries help the fair plan:
  - Cage space
  - Barn set-up
  - Show schedules

 Registration Deadline: May 15, 2026



### SHOWMANSHIP AND RECORD BOOKS-REQUIRED

 Every 4-H'er MUST sign up for Poultry Showmanship and a Record Book

- ✓ Showmanship is required for all poultry exhibitors
- ✓ You will show with a breeding bird
- ✗ Market birds CANNOT be used for showmanship
- ✓ Only one breed record book per 4-H'er is required (not one per bird).
- ✓ Entering a market pen? One market record book per 4-H'er is required.



### MARKET POULTRY – SIGN UP CAREFULLY

 Market entries are used to determine pen & cage space

- ✓ When signing up:
  - Only sign up for the number of pens you plan to bring
  - Bringing 1 pen → sign up for 1 pen
  - Bringing 2 pens → sign up for 2 pens
  - ✗ Do not over-register “just in case”

 We rely on this number — accuracy matters!

 MARKET BIRD CHANGES- You MAY switch at check-in

- You can change:
  - Broiler ↔ Roaster at check-in

 IMPORTANT MARKET REMINDER

 Bringing TWO pens of market poultry?

- ✓ Must be entered into 2 different classes
- ✗ Two pens of the same type are not allowed



## POULTRY CHECK-IN & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

🕒 Sunday Check-In & Pullorum Testing

📍 Small Animal Barn – Poultry Area

🕒 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

- All birds must:
  - Be clean
  - Be healthy
  - Be pullorum tested
- \$ \$1 per bird testing fee
- Birds from the same farm must check in together



## SHOWWORKS BEST PRACTICES

✨ Before you submit:

- ✓ Double-check your entries
- ✓ Match entries to birds you are actually bringing
- ✓ Separate breeding vs market correctly
- ✓ Ask questions before registration closes

📣 FINAL REMINDER

Accurate Showworks entries =

- ✓ Smooth check-in
- ✓ Correct cage space
- ✓ A better fair experience for everyone

**FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH SHOWWORKS, TEXT VAL FLYNN-  
616.635.1476**



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Michigan 4-H license plate celebrates first anniversary!

Last April, the Michigan 4-H community celebrated a milestone decades in the making: the launch of the Michigan 4-H license plate. One year later, Michigan 4-H continues to celebrate the plate's existence and the potential it holds for the program. Available through the Michigan Secretary of State, a portion of each 4-H license plate sold and renewed benefits Michigan 4-H Youth Development.

"The Michigan 4-H license plate has been a dream of our 4-H professionals and families for several decades," explained Quentin Tyler, director of MSU Extension. "So, when the plate was launched one year ago, it was a wish come true. But more than being a vision brought to life, the plate is an incredible asset – raising visibility of the 4-H clover while generating additional dollars to support our 4-H program and its emerging needs."



Like other special cause fundraising license plates in the state, the Michigan 4-H license plate costs \$35, with \$25 of the purchase fee benefiting Michigan 4-H Youth Development. A \$10 fee is also be charged to benefit Michigan 4-H when the plate is renewed. License plates may be ordered by visiting [Michigan.gov/sos](http://Michigan.gov/sos), by mailing in a form or scheduling a visit to any Secretary of State office. The plate will be delivered by mail in two to three weeks. Supporters do not need to wait until their plate renewal period to order the 4-H plate.

To learn more, visit [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](http://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).

## Michigan 4-H Foundation opens 2026-27 grant cycle

The Michigan 4-H Foundation has announced grant opportunities of up to \$2,000 to support local 4-H clubs and county programs for the 2026-2027 program year. 4-H volunteer leaders, members and staff are encouraged to apply for these competitive funds. **All grant applications are due June 1, 2026.**

"Local 4-H programs are at the heart of our 4-H programs," says Abbey Miller, director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation. "These mini-grants help 4-H youth, volunteers and staff create hands-on learning experiences that spark curiosity, build confidence and strengthen communities. We're grateful to support the innovative work happening across Michigan."



Opportunities include:

- **Michigan 4-H Legacy Grants of \$1,000.** These grants are awarded to support development of a new program or initiative or to strengthen, enhance or expand a current program that is making a difference.
- **4-H On-Target Grants of \$500.** These grants support 4-H shooting sports programs to enhance existing programs, develop a new program or offer a special experience related to 4-H shooting sports.
- **The Collins 4-H Youth Horticulture Grant of \$600.** This grant is available only to 4-H youth clubs and supports advancement of club work in plant science and horticulture activities.
- **4-H Educational Garden Grants of \$1,000.** These grants support the creation of local 4-H educational gardens in Michigan.
- **The M. Louise Palczewski Therapeutic Horseback Riding Grant of \$2,000.** This grant opportunity is to support the creation and/or operation of new or existing 4-H Proud Equestrian Programs (PEP) located in Michigan.

Learn more or apply online at <http://mi4hfdtn.org/grants>. Questions? Contact the Michigan 4-H Foundation at 517-353-6692.



# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Creating Beyond-Ready Youth Through 4-H Project Learning



## Beyond Ready

4-H prepares youth for the world of work by engaging them in high quality, hands-on learning grounded in meaningful project content. When young people apply skills, solve real problems and reflect on their learning, they build confidence and readiness for future careers.

4-H programs intentionally create these opportunities, helping youth practice communication, teamwork, decision making and technical skills that transfer to real world settings. Some ways to deepen project work could include: adding real life tasks, inviting youth to demonstrate mastery or guiding reflection that connects the activity to future workplace expectations. Every project meeting is a chance to help youth become Beyond Ready, capable, and confident.

#BeyondReady

### May 4: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series – Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs and Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects

*Online*

Learn how to support youth in making smart decisions that lead to financial and personal growth using activities from MSU Extension's Youth Business Guide to Success. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing and record-keeping for real-world skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-supporting-youth-entrepreneurs-your-role-in-4-h-animal-projects)

### May 5: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Market Mastery

*Online*

Delve into the five Ps of marketing and explore strategies to elevate your outreach. Learn practical tools and techniques to promote projects successfully, enhance sales and build valuable industry connections.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar-5-5)

### May 12: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project Webinar – Records to Riches

*Online*

Learn to keep track of what you spend and earn to make smart choices for market livestock projects. Equip youth with tools to track expenses, set goals and ensure projects are profitable and rewarding.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-12)

### May 14: Online Parent Talk System Webinar Series

*Online*

A course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered each Thursday from May 14 – June 18.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-parent-talk-system-series-may-june-2026)

### May 18: Adulting 101 Webinar – Cooking with Confidence

*Online*

Increase your confidence in the kitchen. From reading recipes to mastering kitchen terms, explore simple ways to get creative with ingredients and make tasty meals without stress or waste.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking\\_with\\_confidence](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking_with_confidence)

### May 19: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Pitch to Payment

*Online*

Communication and outreach are important methods to recruit buyers for market livestock projects. Discover how to use social media to promote your project, reach a wider audience and share progress.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar5-19)

### June 6: Garden Geocache Event

*Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing*

Cache veterans and new enthusiasts are welcome at this geocaching adventure. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a day of caching in the gardens.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/garden-geocache)





## 2026 Calendar of Statewide Animal Science Events

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|                           |                                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>January 24</b>         | 4-H State Rabbit Show                     |
| <b>Feb. 27- March 1</b>   | 4-H Dairy Conference                      |
| <b>March 7</b>            | 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop             |
| <b>March 14</b>           | 4-H Horse Communications Contest          |
| <b>March 21-22</b>        | Norma Agnew 4-H Hairy Horse Show          |
| <b>March 21</b>           | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Workshop              |
| <b>March 22</b>           | 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl             |
| <b>April 11</b>           | 4-H & FFA Horse Judging State Contest     |
| <b>April 12</b>           | 4-H Hippology State Contest               |
| <b>May 6</b>              | 4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest     |
| <b>June 10-11</b>         | Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp     |
| <b>June 27</b>            | 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl                       |
| <b>July 1</b>             | 4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest |
| <b>July 6-7 &amp; 8-9</b> | 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp    |
| <b>July 13-16</b>         | 4-H Youth Dairy Days                      |
| <b>August 13-16</b>       | 4-H State Horse Show                      |
| <b>September 19</b>       | 4-H State Dog Show                        |



**Scan me** for more  
information about these  
programs!

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# State Animal Science Events / Updates

## Upcoming Events & Programs

- 4-H Dairy Conference - February 27-March 1
  - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026michigan4hdairyconference/>
  - Registration closes February 5th
- 4-H Spring Livestock Workshop - March 7
  - <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spring-livestock-workshop-2026>
  - Registration closes February 16th
- 4-H Equine Communications Contest - March 14
  - Registration coming soon
- 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop - April 25-26
  - <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HOutdoorEd2026/>

## Available resources and curriculum

- [Animal Science Anywhere](#) grab-and-go lessons
- [4-H Nature Connections](#) grab-and-go-lessons
- [Outdoor Recreation Risk Mgmt. Checklists](#)

## Programs with more details to come (*not* an exhaustive list!)

- Rabbit and Cavy Workshop - MSU - March 21, 2026
- Rabbit and Cavy Quiz Bowl - MSU - March 22, 2026
- Spring 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: May 2nd and 3rd, location TBD.
- Spring 2026 4-H Dog Workshop: TBD
- [4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp](#): July 2-August 1 at [Camp Chickagami](#)
- [2026 State Shooting Sports Tournament](#): August 15, 2026 at [Centerline of Calhoun](#).
- Fall 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop: Details TBD
- State 4-H Dog Show - September 19th, 2026



## MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H DOG COMMITTEE



# COUNTY-WIDE DOG PRACTICE SCHEDULE

**New rule for those showing dogs at the 2026 Fair:**

**Everybody showing dogs at Fair must attend at least two County Wide Dog practices between now and Fair to show your dogs. You must attend at least one showmanship/ agility practice and at least one obedience/ rally practice.**



**Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally  
December | No Practice**

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility**

**Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally**

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally**

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility**

**Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | Showmanship / Agility**

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 PM | Obedience / Rally**

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> | 6 PM | ALL 4 Disciplines**



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# MONTCALM COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBERS



DO YOU HAVE A CHILD SELLING IN THE MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR?

IF SO, MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR ADD-A-BID PROGRAM! THE MONTCALM COUNTY FARM BUREAU WILL BE ADDING BIDS TO BE SPLIT EVENLY BETWEEN ALL QUALIFYING APPLICANTS.

PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE A MONTCALM COUNTY FARM BUREAU MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING AND YOUTH MUST ALSO BE ACTIVELY SELLING IN THE MONTCALM COUNTY FAIR TO QUALIFY.

[REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR ADD-A-BID IS JUNE 1, 2026.

THIS YEAR WE DO ASK A PICTURE OF THE CHILD WITH THEIR PROJECT THEY ARE SELLING BE SUBMITTED TO OUR COUNTY VIA EMAIL OR FACEBOOK TO RECOGNIZE OUR PARTICIPANTS.

QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO MELISSA @ 989-831-4094 OR [MGUSTAV@CTYFB.COM](mailto:MGUSTAV@CTYFB.COM)

Submit Add-A-Bid Registrations Here:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ai9kwvRTf0mENXRJNyo\\_6uUTa0CE6eFCnwMN4oZwd5VUM0tRMUtCNkxCRjcyOE9DVIkyTjhTOUIyTi4u&fbclid=IwdGRjcARdv21leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEe7eDfwwMtzD0R1i0L22UmDJ5mX9R8-rF5D3M2cxwyuNPNP6xLRcEQEIp5ME\\_aem-vlVOhhgYSG58u9onkTUHW&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Ai9kwvRTf0mENXRJNyo_6uUTa0CE6eFCnwMN4oZwd5VUM0tRMUtCNkxCRjcyOE9DVIkyTjhTOUIyTi4u&fbclid=IwdGRjcARdv21leHRuA2FlbQlxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAo2NjI4NTY4Mzc5AAEe7eDfwwMtzD0R1i0L22UmDJ5mX9R8-rF5D3M2cxwyuNPNP6xLRcEQEIp5ME_aem-vlVOhhgYSG58u9onkTUHW&route=shorturl)



# NEW STATEWIDE 4-H TRAIL RIDING RECOGNITION PROGRAM



**Michigan 4-H** is launching a **new Statewide** 4-H Trail Riding Recognition Program to celebrate youth who participate in trail riding as part of their 4-H horse project.

## Trail riding helps youth build:

- ✓ Rider Safety
- ✓ Horse and Rider Bond
- ✓ Rider Confidence

**Now those miles earn statewide recognition!**



**Open to all enrolled Michigan 4-H**  
horse project members



**Top 5 Junior & Top 5 Senior** riders  
recognized at the Michigan 4-H State  
Horse Show

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**Michigan 4-H Horse Members — Saddle Up and Join the Fun!**

We're excited to launch the **Michigan Statewide 4-H Trail Riding Recognition Program**. If you're enrolled in a Michigan 4-H horse project, you can participate by logging your trail rides completed between August 1 and July 31.

Whether you enjoy quiet wooded paths or group trail adventures, every mile counts. The top five Junior and top five Senior riders will be recognized at the Michigan 4-H State Horse Show.

Start logging your rides today and be part of this statewide celebration of trail riding:

[https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bOyn5zWORdTsYfY](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOyn5zWORdTsYfY)

Questions? Contact Jordan at [hewittj8@msu.edu](mailto:hewittj8@msu.edu) or David at [lindsa75@msu.edu](mailto:lindsa75@msu.edu).

Grab a friend, hit the trail, and show us where your 4-H journey takes you!



Montcalm County Fair Association Presents:

# MCFA PEEWEE PROGRAM

***Building Foundations, Growing Confidence,  
Inspiring Future Leaders***

INTERESTED IN 4-H  
BUT NOT SURE  
WHERE TO START?

HAVE YOUNG  
CHILDREN WHO ARE  
NOT QUITE OLD  
ENOUGH TO JOIN 4-H?

WOULD BE  
INTERESTED IN  
JOINING 4-H, YET  
ARE NOT EQUIPPED  
TO HOUSE/CARE  
FOR ANIMAL  
PROJECTS

EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE DEDICATED TIME IN THE RING TO SHINE

**THIS  
PROGRAM IS  
FOR YOU!!!**



## IMPORTANT DATES



### INFORMATIONAL SESSION

#### SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP



MAY 16



9:00 – 10:00 AM

### JOIN US TO:

ASK QUESTIONS

SIGN UP FOR PARTICIPATION



### PEE WEE SHOWCASE EVENT AT THE FAIR

JUNE 25, 2026 ⌚ 9:00 – 11:00 AM

### LEARN:

BASIC SHOWMANSHIP  
SPECIES CARE AND MAINTENANCE  
SHOWCASE WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED



**REGISTER TODAY:**

**HAGLUN10@MSU.EDU**

**989-831-7514**



**[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/LTU14DCHP4DAQQRJ7](https://forms.gle/LTU14DCHP4DAQQRJ7)**



MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H  
SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS  
4TH ANNUAL



# SHOWMANSHIP WORKSHOP

## General / Arena:

Pee Wee Program Intro 9-10  
Sign In/Pledges - 9:45-10:45  
Lunch - 12:00-12:45  
Health Discussions - TBD

## Poultry:

Pullorum Testing - 9:45-10:45  
Showmanship - 11:00-11:30  
12:45-1:15  
Poultry Conditioning 11:30-12:00  
Poultry Quizbowl - 1:15-1:45

## Rabbit / Cavy:

Tattooing - 9:45-10:45  
Beginner Showmanship - 11:00-11:30  
Advanced Showmanship - 11:30-12:00  
Rabbit Jr Supers - 12:45-1:15  
Rabbit Quizbowl - 1:15-1:45

## Goats:

Showmanship - 10:45-11:15  
12:45-1:15  
Nutrition/Health - 11:15-11:45  
1:15-1:45

**All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Small Animal Barn**



May 16th, 2026 | 10am - 2pm  
Montcalm County Fairgrounds  
Small Animal Barn  
8784 Peck Rd., Greenville



\$10 entrance fee - Lunch provided  
All are welcome!



**PRE-REGISTER ONLINE AT:**

<https://forms.gle/q4mnV4ji3ZrmWv4i8>

**PAY CASH OR CHECK AT CHECK-IN**

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# 2026 ADULTING 101



- FRAUD FIGHTERS - JANUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM
- INFORMED RENTER - FEBRUARY 19 AT 5:00 PM
- SLEEP WELLNESS - MARCH 4 AT 5:30 PM
- EAT SMART: HEALTHY MEALS ON A BUDGET - APRIL 13 AT 5:00 PM
- COOKING WITH CONFIDENCE - MAY 18 AT 6:30 PM
- AI AND YOU: SMART, SAFE & SAVVY - JUNE 11 AT 6:00 PM
- THINK BEFORE YOU CLICK - JULY 8 AT 6:00 PM
- ROADMAP TO A SMART USED CAR PURCHASE - AUGUST 12 AT 5:00 PM
- ARE YOU READY? - SEPTEMBER 23 AT 5:00 PM
- MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT - OCTOBER 7 AT 6:00 PM
- REALITIES OF ANIMAL CARE - NOVEMBER 12 AT 7:00 PM

**\*ALL TIMES LISTED ARE EASTERN STANDARD TIME**



## FREE ON ZOOM



MSU Extension is excited to announce the Adulting 101 program will be back in 2026! New classes and some past favorites are included in this FREE monthly online program. We are thrilled to share the registration is now live for all classes

here: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026>

# NEW CLUB



Shooting Sports

## 4-H PRECISION ARCHERS

🎯 New to archery - or are you an expert?

🎯 Want to shoot some arrows for fun  
- or are you working on your skills to attend  
state/national championships?



All are welcome!      Chance to win prizes!!

1st Meeting: February 1st | 4:40pm | Central Michigan  
Sportsman's Club | Stanton Rd, Stanton

Q's? Contact: Kimberly Fouts | [4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com](mailto:4hfoutsstebbins@gmail.com)



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RUNAWAY RIDERS'

**FAT** & *fuzzy*

OPEN HORSE SHOW

**Saturday, May 23rd**

Montcalm County Fairgrounds  
8784 Peck Road, Greenville

**Show Time**  
**8:30**

**Judge:**  
**Jennifer Schwab**

\$5 Office Fee  
\$30 Blanket Fee  
~or~  
\$5 Per Class

Sweepstakes \$10 with:  
Top 3 Payback @30/20/10%  
High Point for Each Age Division

We will not be responsible for injury or loss of property,  
person or horse.

**Negative Coggins**  
**Required**

**Stalls: \$10 you clean**  
**Stalls: \$20 we clean**  
**Camping: \$30**

1. Showmanship W/T 10 & Under
2. Showmanship W/T 11-18
3. Showmanship W/T 19 & Over
4. Showmanship 13 & Under
5. Showmanship 14-18
6. Showmanship 19-34
7. Showmanship 35 & Over
8. Showmanship Sweepstakes

**15 minute break** 

9. Hunt Seat Equitation W/T 10 & Under
10. Hunt Seat Equitation W/T 11-18
11. Hunt Seat Equitation W/T 19 & Over
12. Hunt Seat Equitation 13 & Under
13. Hunt Seat Equitation 14-18
14. Hunt Seat Equitation 19-34
15. Hunt Seat Equitation 35 & Over
16. Hunt Seat Equitation Sweepstakes
17. Hunter Pleasure W/T 10 & Under
18. Hunter Pleasure W/T 11-18
19. Hunter Pleasure W/T 19 & Over
20. Hunter Pleasure 13 & Under
21. Hunter Pleasure 14-18
22. Hunter Pleasure 19-34
23. Hunter Pleasure 35 & Over
24. Equitation Pattern W/T
25. Equitation Pattern Open

Profits will be  
used for  
educational  
opportunities and  
club shirts.

**30 Min. Lunch** 

26. Horsemanship W/T 10 & Under
27. Horsemanship W/T 11-18
28. Horsemanship W/T 19 & Over
29. Horsemanship 13 & Under
30. Horsemanship 14-18
31. Horsemanship 19-34
32. Horsemanship 35 & Over
33. Horsemanship Sweepstakes
34. Western Pleasure W/T 10 & Under
35. Western Pleasure W/T 11-18
36. Western Pleasure W/T 19 & Over
37. Western Pleasure 13 & Under
38. Western Pleasure 14-18
39. Western Pleasure 19-34
40. Western Pleasure 35 & Over
41. Horsemanship Pattern W/T
42. Horsemanship Pattern Open
43. Ranch Rail Open
44. Ranch Riding Open



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# Make the Most of your Market Animal Project Webinar Series

FREE on Zoom at 6:30pm ET



Goal- Getters

April 21

Talk the Talk

April 28

Marketing Mastery

May 5

Records to Riches

May 12

From Pitch to Payment

May 19

Registration Link: <https://pears.io/events/msuext/4293/>

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🐮 ✨ Ready to take your market livestock project from your 4-H best to better? The 2026 *Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project* webinar series is packed with tips to help 4-H'ers (ages 8-19) build confidence, sharpen marketing skills, and boost auction success!

Each week features a new skill:

- ★ SMART goals
- ★ Effective communication
- ★ Marketing strategies
- ★ Record keeping & break-even points
- ★ Social media promotion & buyer outreach

📅 **April 21–May 19, 2026**  
🕒 **6:30–7:30 PM EST**



**Zoom (Attend one or more!)**

For more info or to register, go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/make-the-most-of-your-market-livestock-project>

# SPRING 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTOR WORKSHOP



May 2-3, 2026

 John A. Halter Shooting Sports  
Education Center  
4390 Bankers Road  
Hillsdale, MI

## Offering all Disciplines:

- ✓ Archery
- ✓ Rifle
- ✓ Shotgun
- ✓ Pistol
- ✓ Muzzle Loader
- ✓ Hunting and Wildlife
- ✓ Coordinator

**REGISTER NOW ! ➔**



Questions? Email [4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu](mailto:4H.ShootingSports@msu.edu)

This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation

Registration is now open for the Spring 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop in Hillsdale! Join us for 2 days of classes at the John A. Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. Classes will focus on everything you need to know to teach Shooting Sports fundamentals as part of a 4-H Youth Development Program. Follow this link to learn more and register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026SpringWorkshop/>



# GROWING TOGETHER:



## *a* Family Connection

### COMMUNITY EVENT

A DAY OF MOVEMENT, CREATIVITY, AND TIME WELL SPENT TOGETHER.

**Saturday, May 9th**

Family Flow Yoga - 11 AM

Family Brunch - 12 PM

Crafts - 1-3 PM

Felt Hat Burning

Resin Jewelry

Leathercraft

Plus other free crafts/4-H resources!

**REGISTER HERE:**

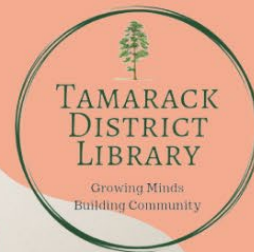
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In partnership with the Montcalm County Fair Association and MC 4-H  
Community Connections Committee.

Proceeds benefit Kids Day activities at the Montcalm County Fair.

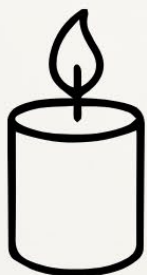


# MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H



## Spring Gift Workshop

Perfect for Mother's  
Day, Father's Day, or  
celebrating anyone  
special in your life!



**Spa  
Crafts**



**Wood/  
Leather  
Crafts**



**Personalized  
Keepsakes**

*For youth and  
families!*

**Thursday, May 14 2026 | 6-8 PM**

**Join us as we create a variety of handmade gifts -  
from relaxing spa items, to custom wood and  
leather crafts!**

**Tamarack District Library  
832 S. Lincoln, Lakeview**

**RSVP <https://www.tamaracklibrary.org/event>**



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# PIERSON PATRIOTIC PACER ★ ★ ★ & ★ ★ ★ MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

May 25th ★ **5K BIKE / RUN / WALK** FOR ALL AGES

At the Pierson Township Hall  
and Cemetery

★ **T-Shirt** for participants registered in advance! ★

★ **\$ Monetary Prizes** (with sufficient registrations) **\$** ★

**Memorial Day Ceremony & Awards**

★ **Immediately Following Races!** ★

★ ★ **More details to come...** ★ ★



TAMARACK  
DISTRICT  
LIBRARY



# CODING... WORKSHOP

Are you interested in learning how to code?

Do you enjoy creating?



Date: May 26, 2026



Time: 5:30 - 7:30 PM



Tamarack District Library

# FREE



Join Montcalm County 4-H for an exciting night of coding and creating! Target ages: 8-13 / All ages welcome, if space permits

## RSVP:

Tamarack District Library

<https://www.tamaracklibrary.org/event>



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# 4H Youth SPIN Club

## Dive Into Discovery: Watersheds & Conservation

In partnership with Mecosta County 4-H and the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly, this hands-on club offers youth the chance to learn about local water systems, ecology, habitat protection, and stewardship through fun activities, field experiences, and real-world projects. Participants will build knowledge of how watersheds work, why healthy water resources matter, and how conservation practices help protect our environment—all while connecting with peers and community partners. Parents are invited to learn along. **Ages 8+.**

### Tuesdays from 5-6 pm

**First session at the Card/Riley Conservation  
& Wildlife Education Center**

**26  
MAY**

**What is a Watershed?**

What happens to a drop of water when it falls on the ground, and why does it matter?

**2  
JUNE**

**Connected by Current**

How do the health of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems impact each other?

**9  
JUNE**

**Ripple Effects**

What is conservation? What does river conservation look like?

**16  
JUNE**

**Too Much Heat, Too Much to Eat, and Runaway Runoff**

Explore the effects of thermal pollution, nutrient overload, and runoff on our streams.

**23  
JUNE**

**The Ick: Invasive Species and Toxic Substances**

Explore the invasive species and unseen dangers threatening the watershed.

**30  
JUNE**

**All in for Ag**

How does agriculture impact watersheds?

## Register Here:

Please register by  
May 19th.

A 4H Membership  
is not required.

Contact Karen Ripke at  
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with questions.



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CARD/RILEY WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER



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## SUPPORTING 4-H YOUTH ENTRPRENEURS IN THE ANIMAL PROJECT

Monday, May 4 at noon EST

**A Michigan 4-H  
Volunteer Webinar**

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UNIVERSITY | Extension

**Michigan 4-H Volunteers!** Join us on **May 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon** for *Supporting Youth Entrepreneurs: Your Role in 4-H Animal Projects*. Discover how you can mentor youth in goal setting, budgeting, marketing, and record-keeping for real-world skills. **Register:** [canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series](https://canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series)

## COST

\$10 OFFICE FEE  
\$6 PER CLASS

Mecosta County  
Fairgrounds



# Twilight TUESDAYS

## DATES

JUNE 16  
JULY 21  
AUGUST 18

## CLASSES

### SHOWMANSHIP

#### WESTERN OR ENGLISH ATTIRE

- 1.35 & OVER
- 2.19-34
- 3.14-18
- 4.10-13
- 5.YOUTH & GREEN  
HORSE/RIDER W/T

#### ENGLISH EQUITATION

- 6.35 & OVER
- 7.19-34
- 8.14-18
- 9.10-13
- 10.YOUTH & GREEN  
HORSE/RIDER W/T

#### ENGLISH PLEASURE

- 11.35 & OVER
- 12.19-34
- 13.14-18
- 14.10-13
- 15.YOUTH & GREEN HORSE35 &  
OVER

#### WESTERN PLEASURE

- 16.35 & OVER
- 17.19-34
- 18.14-18
- 19.10-13
- 20.YOUTH & GREEN  
HORSE/RIDER W/T

#### WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP

- 21.35 & OVER
- 22.19-34
- 23.14-18
- 24.10-13
- 25.YOUTH & GREEN  
HORSE/RIDER W/T

#### SPEED

- 26.CLOVER LEAF (JUNE)
- 27.POLES (JULY)
- 28.DOWN AND BACK (AUGUST)

### MORE INFORMATION

- EVERYONE WELCOME
- BOOTS AND BRIDLES MATCH
- NO SHOW ATTIRE
- HELMETS REQUIRED FOR  
RIDERS 18 AND IUNDER
- REGISTRATION AT 5PM
- SHOW STARTS AT 5:30PM
- CURRENT COGGINS REQUIRED  
TO BE SHOWN

### PAY AHEAD



### REGISTER





# Open your Home and Heart to a Japanese Youth this Summer 2026!

Contact: Jan Brinn  
[brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu)



## Host a Japanese youth in Summer 2026 through the States' 4-H International!

Invite an international youth into your home for three and a half weeks and share an American experience. Expand your family's cultural understanding, learn about new foods and customs, and possibly learn a new language while sharing your own. Your children will build lifelong friendships and gain new perspectives on their country, too!

2026 Online Applications to host can be found at: <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janis Brinn at [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu) or visit the States 4-H International Exchange Programs website: <http://www.states4hexchange.org> or Email: [exchange@states4h.org](mailto:exchange@states4h.org)

As the Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator, I will do my best to answer any questions or concerns you may have. With 30 years of international experience and a passion for global education, please feel free to contact me, Jan Brinn, [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu), with any questions or concerns. This program is supported by the MSU Extension Children & Youth Institute Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement (LCCE)

Team [4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu](mailto:4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu).



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

# 4-H GREAT LAKES & NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 26-August 1, 2026 - Camp Chickagami - Presque Isle, MI



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We are excited to announce that [registration](#) is now open for [4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp](#)! Here are some camp details for this year:

**Dates and location:**

- July 26- August 1, 2026 at [Camp Chickagami](#) in Presque Isle, MI

**What is GLNR Camp?**

- A week-long residential summer camp experience **for youth ages 13-15**. Camp is full of experiential learning opportunities focused on natural resources and the Great Lakes and taught by MSUE CYI and Sea Grant staff, MSU Fisheries and Wildlife faculty, and their partners. Additional recreation sessions include swimming, sailing, fishing, snorkeling, archery, campfires, and more!

**Cost to attend:**

- Early Bird Registration: \$525 until 3/31/26
- Normal Registration: \$550 beginning 4/1/26
- Cost includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and all sessions!

**Counselors:**

- Counselors are ages 16-20. If you have individuals interested in applying to be a counselor, please direct them to the registration link.

**How to register:**

- The Camper Registration and Counselor Application can be found at this link:
- In addition to registration through Events Management, campers must enroll in 4-H Online.

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE WITH



# 1

## FIND YOUR INTERESTS

Coding/Tech

ROBOTICS

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

BEE KEEPING

Baking

Agriculture

ANIMAL  
SCIENCE

SHOOTING SPORTS

& Gardening  
SO MUCH MORE!!!

# 2

## CHOOSE YOUR GROUP

**27 Project Led Clubs**

**7 Advisory Groups**

# MONTCALM COUNTY

# 3

## GROW WITH 4-H

Positive youth development through hands-on, project-based learning, in order to build real-world skills and confidence.



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