





4-H Family News

Oakland County




2025 Leader Update



4-H Leader Update

September 25, 2025
5 - 7 pm (Open House)



Executive Office Building (EOB)
2100 Pontiac Lake Rd
Waterford MI 48328


THANK YOU!


Turn in club re-enrollment paperwork to receive your gift and enjoy pizza, games, and more!

Fall 4-H Leader Update




All **4-H club leaders and co-leaders** are invited to join us for our Fall Leader Update!


 **Thursday, September 25, 2025**

 **5:00 – 7:00 PM**

 **Executive Office Building (EOB)**
2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford, MI 48328

This **open house-style event** is a chance to:

-  Turn in club paperwork
-  Pick up gifts and resources
-  Connect with staff and fellow leaders

 If you haven't RSVP'd yet, please email Kelly at kemorris@msu.edu.

CONTACT US

MSU Extension – 4-H Youth
1200 N Telegraph Rd
Building 34 East
Pontiac, Michigan
48341

PHONE & EMAIL:

248-858-0889

msue.4hoakland@campusad.msu.edu

WEBSITE:

Canr.msu.edu/oakland/4-h/

Michigan State University Extension programs and materials 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. Issued in furtherance of MSU Extension work, acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Quentin Tyler, Director, MSU Extension, East Lansing, MI 48824. This information is for educational purposes only. Reference to commercial products or trade names does not imply endorsement by MSU Extension or bias against those not mentioned.



4-H Archery Class

Discover the fun and focus of archery at our 4-H Archery Class on **September 10th from 4:30–6:00 PM at the Oakland County Sportsman Club.**

Open to youth ages 8 and up, this hands-on class will teach the basics of **safe shooting, proper form, and target practice** in a supportive and encouraging environment. Whether you're brand new to archery or looking to improve your skills, this session offers a great opportunity to learn, have fun, and connect with other young archers.

Register: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HArchery/>

4-H ARCHERY CLASS

September 10, 2025
4:30 - 6:00 PM
Oakland County Sportsman Club
4770 Waterford Rd, Village of Clarkston, MI 48346

Open to youth **ages 8 and up**, this hands-on class will teach the basics of safe shooting, proper form, and target practice in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Whether you're brand new to archery or looking to improve your skills, this session offers a great opportunity to learn, have fun, and connect with other young archers.

REGISTER NOW!

Contact: Jordan Hewitt at HewittJ@msu.edu

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure

🍏 Get ready for some apple-tastic fun! 🍏

Join us for a 4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure where you'll whip up a tasty apple crisp to take home AND explore the beautiful Tollgate orchard!

📍 Tollgate Farm — 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377

📅 November 1st

🕒 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

💰 Just \$20 to join the fun!

⚠️ Hurry, spots are limited — must register!

👨‍👩‍👧 Kids under 13? Bring your favorite grown-up along!

Come hungry, curious, and ready for a bushel of fun!

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HAppleworkshop/>

4-H APPLE CRISP & ORCHARD ADVENTURE

Join us for a 4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure where you'll whip up a tasty apple crisp to take home AND explore the beautiful Tollgate orchard!

📍 Tollgate Farm — 28115 Meadowbrook Rd, Novi, MI 48377
📅 November 1st
🕒 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
💰 \$ Just \$20 to join the fun!

⚠️ **Hurry, spots are limited — must register!**
👨‍👩‍👧 Kids under 13 - Bring your favorite grown-up along!

REGISTER NOW!

Contact: Jordan Hewitt at HewittJ@msu.edu

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension

Window Display Contest!

All 4-H clubs are encouraged to participate in the annual Window Display Contest. **The Window Display Contest is a great way to promote 4-H Clubs around the community and showcase the projects offered by the club.** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive an award on our Achievement awards ceremony on November 15, 2025.

Display must be set up by October 5th and judging will be done on October 10th.

[Must RSVP Here](#)

4-H Window Display Contest!

October 5-11, 2025!

Great way to promote your 4-H club and receive an award!

JOIN US!

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



4-H Online Shutdown

The 2024-2025 4-H Year ended on August 31, 2024. 4-H Online will be shut down from September 1- 7 for system updates.

Families must re-enroll in 4-H Online each program year. **Starting on September 8, 2025 all enrollments will go back to an "inactive" status.** At this time, you can log back into your family account and enroll for the 2025-2026 4-H program year!

We are looking forward to another great 4-H year!

Link to enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com>



Join Oakland County Sport Rocket Club on their Adventure!!

Join Oakland County 4-H Sport Rocket Club on their adventure to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum on **February 21-22, 2026!**



OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE INCLUDES...

- 🌟 Overnight camping INSIDE the museum
- 🌟 Breakfast on Sunday morning
- 🌟 Special programs, a movie, and simulator rides
- 🌟 Build & fly your own model rocket



Details at: <https://www.armstrongmuseum.org/overnight-museum-experiences>

👉 Register and more information at: <https://forms.gle/iiAigpcf2PiXLx5T7>

For more on the Rocket Club, visit: <https://sites.google.com/view/oc4-hsrc/home>

Harvest Happenings at Hess-Hathaway Park



Visit us at Hess-Hathaway's annual Harvest Happenings event on **Sunday, October 5, 2025, from 12:00 – 5:00 PM!** This event is exciting for the entire family. The day is filled with a variety of activities and events including: hayrides, bake sale, pony rides and more.

Hess-Hathaway Park
825 S Williams Lake Road
Waterford, MI 48327

[More information here!](#)



September Volunteer Webinars

September 11th

🚀 Ready to launch your best 4-H year yet?
Join us Sept 11 for Plan with Purpose: Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet!

- ✓ Get organized
- ✓ Stay focused
- ✓ Keep your club energized all year long

🕒 Noon or 7 PM | 💻 On Zoom

🔗 <https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



September 18th

💬 Set boundaries that work — and still stay friendly!
Join the Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar

📅 Sept 18, 2025 |

🕒 Noon or 7 PM | 💻 Zoom

✨ Friendly But Firm: Boundaries that make Volunteering Better. Because saying “no” shouldn’t come with guilt.

🔗 <https://www.canr.msu.edu/volunteering/mi-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series>



Fall 2025 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop



Registration is now open for the Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Training September 20th and 21st in Owosso! Join us for 2 days of classes focused 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/2025FallWorkshop/>



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wild Spartans Series returns



Starting in October, the Wild Spartans Series is back! Join 4-H staff as they take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! Follow along to climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet natural resources professionals, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

Monthly sessions will begin in October and be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. EST. Each 30-minute session will feature 1-2 guest speakers. Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

This free virtual series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. Pre-registration is required: www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2025-2026.

September 11: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Planning with Purpose: Designing Your Best 4-H Year Yet Online

This webinar will guide volunteers through seasonal planning, setting goals and aligning club activities with youth development outcomes. This session will be offered twice.

- 12 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-noon
- 7 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-planning-with-purpose-designing-your-best-4-h-year-yet-7pm

September 17: Adulting 101 – Professionalism: Communicate, Dress & Deliver with Confidence Online

Participants will learn the essentials for thriving in any professional environment—from effective verbal and written communication to dressing the part and following through on commitments.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20\(COPY_1754674660740\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-professionalism%20(COPY_1754674660740))

September 18: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Friendly but Firm: Boundaries that Make Volunteering Better Online

Learn how to say “yes” with intention, “no” without guilt, and keep your 4-H experience fun, respectful, and drama-free. This session will be offered twice.

- 12 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-noon
- 7 p.m.: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-friendly-but-firm-boundaries-that-make-volunteering-better-7pm

September 20: 2025 Michigan 4-H Dog Show

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

The 4-H State Dog Show is an annual, single-day event that brings together 4-Hers from counties across Michigan. Spectators welcome.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-state-4-h-dog-show

September 20-21: Fall 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification for Adults and Teens

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Learn about 4-H shooting sports mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use, and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-for-adults-and-teens

October 3: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Henry Center for Executive Development, Lansing

4-H donors are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting



STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

2025 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards program recognized outstanding 4-H members during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes excellence in learning, leadership and service.

In total, 38 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications for this year's program. Recipients of the 2025 awards are:



- **Achievement:** William Rogers of Washtenaw County
- **Beef Science:** Emma Verbeek of Delta County (junior division)
- **Birds and Poultry Science:** Avery Mastej of Van Buren County (junior division)
- **Civic Engagement and Service:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Taylor Johnson of St. Joseph County (junior division) and Makenzie Rehberg of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Dairy Science:** Adrienne Balchik of Gogebic County (junior division) and Harper Jane Adkins of Washtenaw County (senior division)
- **Equine Science:** Lillian Wasson of Oceana County (junior division)
- **Food, Nutrition, Health and Fitness:** Vivienne Turri of Washtenaw County (junior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Trent Simons of Otsego County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Aleah Simpson of Houghton County (junior division) and Alison Borowski of Alpena County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Zoe Rorick of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Lyla Lapaugh of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM):** John Jinks of Monroe County (junior division)
- **Sheep Science:** Morgen Schmidt of Monroe County (junior division) and Owen Plum of Lenawee County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Taylor Trattles of St. Joseph County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Verina Duncan of Eaton County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 12-19 years old with two or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through 4-H, as well as their contributions to 4-H communities. Submissions are reviewed by a selection committee. In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division received a \$300 cash award, junior winners received \$100 cash awards, and achievement award winner received \$500. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

National 4-H Week: October 5-11

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 5-11, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. The theme of this year's National 4-H Week is "Beyond Ready." This theme celebrates how 4-H is building a ready generation in a world of change, equipping youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today.

Learn more about ways you can celebrate during National 4-H Week at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>.