



4-H Family News

Oakland County



**Beyond
Ready**

4-H Archery this Fall and Winter!



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Youth ages 12+ are invited to join us for 4-H Archery Sessions. No experience or equipment needed!

📍 Springfield Oaks County Park

🕒 5:30-7 PM 💰 \$5 Per Session

Attend as many sessions as you like—you don't need to attend them all!

Limited Spots! Register your child today!

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4-H ARCHERY — FALL & WINTER!

Youth **ages 12+** are invited to learn and practice archery!

- 📅 **Sept.–Oct.:** Springfield Oaks 3-D Range
- 📅 **Nov.–Feb.:** Springfield Oaks Activity Center

🕒 **5:30–7 PM** | 💰 **\$5/session**

 **No experience or equipment needed!**

📅 **Sept. 10 & 24 • Oct. 8 • Nov. 5 & 19 • Dec. 3 & 17 • Jan. 7 & 21 • Feb. 4 & 18**

Attend one or all! Spots are limited.

👉 [Register for 4-H Archery](#)

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2026 Fall Leader Update

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

September 23, 2026

6:00 – 7:00 PM

ZOOM

This **zoom meeting** is a chance to get ready for a successful new 4-H year, make sure you know what's coming up, and give you a chance to ask questions and connect with us.

Club paperwork is DUE on this date

All leaders should have received a link to the meeting. If you have not, please reach out to Cheyenne at shield69@msu.edu.

4-H Apple Crisp & Orchard Adventure

Get ready for some **apple-tastic fun!** Make a delicious apple crisp to take home, then explore the beautiful **Tollgate orchard**. 🍏🍏

Tollgate Farm | **Oct. 25** | **10 AM–Noon**

\$20 | **Spots are limited!**

Youth under 12 must bring a parent/guardian.

[Register](#)

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

4-H Leader Update

September 23, 2026
6 - 7 pm
(ZOOM)

THANK YOU!

Club re-enrollment paperwork is due this day!
Leaders will receive a gift for completing on time!

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

Just \$20 to join the fun!

Hurry, spots are limited — must register!

Kids under 13 - Bring your favorite grown-up along!

Contact: Jordan Hewitt at HewittJ@msu.edu

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Host a table at Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply in Ortonville is looking for Oakland County 4-H clubs or individual 4-H members to help represent 4-H during their upcoming **4-H Animal Days** events. Volunteers will host an informational table, share what 4-H has to offer, and talk with shoppers about their club experiences and projects.

Event Details:

Location: Tractor Supply, Ortonville

Dates: Sunday, September 13

Whether it's a few members from one club or a group made up of members from several clubs, all are welcome to participate! If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Lisa Mazzola at mazzola@msu.edu.

4-H'ers: Want to Host a Table?

Tractor Supply, Ortonville MI.

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Horse Orienteering Event

Grab your horse and your sense of adventure! Learn to use a **map, compass, and horsemanship skills** to navigate an outdoor course at Rose Oaks County Park.

Rose Oaks County Park | **Sept. 27** | **10 AM–1 PM**

4-H youth & adults | **Participate as a pair or small team**

No experience needed!

Youth **under 15 must be accompanied by an adult**. Space is limited! [Register](#)

Explore, navigate, and have fun with your horse!



4-H Online Shutdown

The 2025-2026 4-H Year ended on August 31, 2026. 4-H Online will be shut down from August 31 – September 3 for system updates.

Families must re-enroll in 4-H Online each program year. **Starting on September 3, 2026 all enrollments will go back to an "inactive" status.** At this time, you can log back into your family account and enroll for the 2026-2027 4-H program year!

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

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



4-H Winter Craft Series

Get creative this winter with hands-on projects perfect for **2027 Fair projects!**

Fabric Art **Lead Braiding** **Cookie Decorating** **Sewing**
 Embroidery & more!

Springfield Oaks Activity Center | **5:30–7 PM** |

Ages 8+

Nov. 4 & 18 • Dec. 2 & 16 • Jan. 6 & 20 • Feb. 3 & 17

Attend one or all! Our first session is **Fabric Art: Kinusaiga**.

[Register](#)



4-H Bound Together - Fun-Day Mondays!

Looking for a fun after-school activity? **4-H Bound Together Club** is open to **youth in grades 1–6!** ☀️

Join us for our monthly **Fun-Day Mondays** at **All Saints Church in Pontiac**, from **4:30–5:30 p.m.** Youth will enjoy fun activities, learning, and hands-on 4-H experiences! 🌱 🎨 🌻

Upcoming dates:

📅 October 12 • November 9 • January 11 • February 8 • March 8 • April 12

♥️ **Free to join and open to all!**

[Link to register](#)

Contact **Lisa Mazzola** at mazzolal@msu.edu.



Fall Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop

Registration is now open for the Fall 2026 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop in Lenox! Join us for 2 days of classes at the Huron Pointe Sportsmen's Association. 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/2026FallWorkshop/>



Volunteer at Arts, Beats & Eats!

Want to promote **4-H** while enjoying **Arts, Beats & Eats** in Royal Oak? We're looking for 4-H volunteers and families to help at the **MSU Extension/4-H/Oakland County Parks** area throughout the weekend! Volunteers will help promote 4-H and assist with activities. It's a fun way to represent 4-H and connect with our community!

BONUS FOR 4-H MEMBERS: Members who volunteer will receive a weekend pass to Arts, Beats & Eats! 🎟️

[Sign Up Here](#)

Questions? Contact **Sharon** at swatkins@bloomfield.org.





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Starting the new 4-H year with a focus on being Beyond Ready



Beyond Ready

A new 4-H year is the perfect time for volunteers and youth to set the tone for growth, learning and readiness. Beginning the year with intentional activities helps young people build confidence, explore their interests, and understand how their 4-H experiences prepare them for life beyond the club.

Early goal setting, reflection and hands-on project work encourage youth to practice important skills such as communication, decision making and responsibility. Volunteers play a key role by helping youth make connections between what they do in 4-H and the skills they will need in future school, work and community settings.

By starting strong and reinforcing these ideas all year long, clubs can help ensure youth are truly Beyond Ready for whatever comes next.

#BeyondReady

September 9: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Plan to stay after for the first meeting of the fall semester for MSU Collegiate 4-H!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 20: Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Join the Saginaw 4-H Fall Festival for a fun-filled afternoon at Schomaker Farms! Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun, learning, and community. The public is welcome!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/saginaw-4-h-fall-festival

September 23: Adulting 101 – Are You Ready?

Online

Get ready for anything! This workshop will teach youth how to stay calm, make a plan and handle emergencies with confidence and safety.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-2026

October 2: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

University Club of MSU, Lansing

4-H donors and staff with 4-H responsibilities are encouraged to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Register by September 18.

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

October 3: Michigan 4-H Legacy Awards Celebration

University Club of MSU, Lansing

Join us to celebrate and recognize Michigan's outstanding 4-H youth, alumni, volunteers, partners and staff. Register by September 18.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-legacy-celebration

October 4-10: National 4-H Week

For more than 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. Celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week! Learn more and find ideas of how to celebrate in your community online.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week>

October 5: Go Green for 4-H!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-week





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Re-enroll for the 2026-2027 program year!

Welcome to September and the new 4-H program year! Beginning Thursday, September 3, you may login to your family's 4-H Online (mi.4honline.com/) account and enroll your 4-H members for the 2026-2027 program year. All returning families should utilize the same email address to access their account as they have in the past.

If you do not remember your login email, do not create a new account, simply contact your county staff member (www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county/) for assistance. Thanks for being a part of the 4-H community!



How to Register with 4-H: Returning Family

1. Visit **mi.4honline.com**.
2. Log in to your account.*
3. Click "Enroll Now" for the returning member(s).
4. Update information.
5. Continue until you click the final SUBMIT button.
6. Add members if needed.

*If you need assistance accessing your account, contact your local 4-H staff; do not create a new account.

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National 4-H Week: October 4-10

For more than 115 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 4-10, 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.

Join with 4-H'ers around the country in activating on two important initiatives:

Monday, October 5: Go Green!

On Monday of National 4-H Week, Go GREEN and show your 4-H spirit! Wear a green hat, clothing, face paint— anything green goes. Let's paint the nation GREEN in support of 4-H! Share your 'Go Green' moment on social and tag National 4-H, Michigan 4-H program, and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

Thursday, October 8: Thankful Thursday

On Thursday of National 4-H Week, help us shine a light on all the mentors, educators and volunteers who are making positive impact on your people's lives in 4-H. Share who you're thankful for and celebrate how they are making a difference on Thursday, October 8! Share your 'Thankful' story on social, tag others in your 4-H community, tag National 4-H and use: #4HBeyondReady #National4HWeek.

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

Wild Spartans 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 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 required:

www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



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WILD SPARTANS

MONTHLY WILDLIFE & FISHERIES WEBINAR SERIES
FOR FAMILIES INTERESTED IN EXPLORING
SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

October-March, 2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:
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