



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

February 2, 2024

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**MOCK IT
THEN
ROCK IT**

Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
INTERVIEW - RESUME REVIEW - BREAK OUT SESSIONS

FEBRUARY 9, 2024
8 - 11:30 AM | BAKER COLLEGE OF CADILLAC

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Register:
bit.ly/mock24

For more information
Contact Kate King
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231-779-9480

20 More Volunteers Needed for Friday!

**Mock It Then Rock It: Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day Friday,
February 9, 2024 | 8 am – 11:30 am
Baker College**

Mock It Then Rock It is an event for high school students of working age to learn workforce preparation skills in an experiential way. Students have the opportunity to engage in a practice interview, have their resumes reviewed, and learn about various topics in mini-breakout sessions. This year, we are also extending the invitation to all WMISD districts, area private schools, and homeschooled and virtual students. The event returned last year and saw over 200 participants and we're hoping to double that this year!

Volunteers* will continue to conduct practice interviews and review resumes. Based on feedback from last year, we will have a different setup to limit noise and improve event flow, and we are updating forms to it easier for you to give feedback to students. We are also offering volunteer orientation twice this year via Zoom on Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm and Friday, February 2, at Noon.

We'd appreciate it if you could spread the word about the event to your network. **We're still looking for 20 volunteers!**

*Volunteers not representing a business or organization may be asked to complete a screening process for student safety.

Any homeschooled or virtual students should register to attend by emailing Kate: kingka26@msu.edu

Volunteer at Mock It then Rock It

Animal Project Opportunities



NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR
CADILLAC, MI

MARKET TURKEY ORDERS DUE FEBRUARY 23RD

Youth Market Turkey projects must be ordered through the Northern District Fair Livestock Committee to be sold in the livestock auction. Exhibitors must enter a pen of 2 turkeys, with one selling at the auction.

Youth must also register their project with their club and leaders must submit one market livestock registration form per species per club by February 15 (turkey only).

Forms and Details: NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR DEADLINES: Poultry Project Orders

To sell turkeys or chickens at the fair, you **MUST** order with NDF.

- Market Turkey Orders are due by February 23, 2024
- Market Chickens (Broiler/Cornish) Orders are due by May 10, 2024

You **MUST** also register your project with your club and leaders need to submit 1 registration form per species per club by:

- February 15, 2024 - Turkey
- May 1, 2024 - Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Cornish, Broiler

**NDF Youth
Livestock**

2024 Animal Science Skillathon

Calling all livestock project youth and **ADULTS!** Looking to test your knowledge of 4-H Livestock

Michigan 4-H Animal Science 2024 SKILLATHON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors in this event are the young, bright minds who are the future of Michigan agriculture. While other state 4-H programs have similar offerings, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is the fourth annual competition testing both youth and adult competitors' broad knowledge of Animal Science.

Wednesday, March 6th, 4:30pm Eastern
Saturday, March 9th, 9:30am Eastern

NO QUALIFIERS

- EVERYBODY COMPETES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW CATEGORIES

- LARGE ANIMAL (COMBINED: BEEF, DAIRY, EQUINE, SWINE, SHEEP, AND GOATS)
- SMALL ANIMAL (COMBINED: DOGS, RABBITS/CAVIES, AND POULTRY)
- NUTRITION
- ANATOMY/PHYSIOLOGY
- MULTIFARIOUS (BIOSECURITY, CAREERS, QUALITY ASSURANCE, ETC.)

LESS QUESTIONS FOR ALL AGE DIVISIONS

- NOVICE: 25 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (125 TOTAL) WAS 150 PREVIOUSLY.
- JUNIOR: 30 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (150 TOTAL) WAS 200 PREVIOUSLY.
- SENIOR/ADULT: 35 QUESTIONS PER CATEGORY (175 TOTAL) WAS 250 PREVIOUSLY.

REGISTRATION

- REGISTRATION IS OPEN FROM JANUARY 6 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024
- YOUTH REGISTRATION: <https://2024skillathon.4honline.com/>
- ADULT REGISTRATION: https://gfreesaccountsgc1.a21.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rhvZQzj83dmM2

FOR MORE INFORMATION / STUDY GUIDES

- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/otsego/4-h/2024-skillathon>



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projects without having to leave home? Open to 4-H members ages 8-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024) AND ADULTS, the Michigan 4-H Animal Science Skillathon is the most comprehensive test of livestock and traditional farm animals in the nation. This is an annual competition that tests both youth and adult competitors' knowledge of market livestock, animal science, and management practices in various categories. Wexford County has yet to have any participants since this event began. Let's show them our skills!

Skillathon Details

Michigan Junior Livestock Conference
April 6 - Gaylord University Center
Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H for the 2024 Michigan Youth Livestock Conference for ages 9-19. This event provides new opportunities to youth that are interested in or passionate about raising, exhibiting, producing, or showing livestock. Industry leaders will provide educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and career opportunities in agriculture.

Cost is \$25.00 includes lunch and a t-shirt. Space is limited and will fill up fast! Registration closes March 7th.

Join Michigan Junior Livestock Society & Michigan 4-H

Beef, Swine, Sheep, Goats, Rabbits & Poultry

Industry leaders bringing you educational sessions on animal selection, nutrition, showmanship, animal husbandry, and opportunities in agricultural careers.

Registration
opens 1/25/24



Registration
All registration will be done electronically through 4-H Online

Saturday
April 6th 2024
University Center

Registration Info
Fee: \$25/participant
Includes lunch & shirt
Deadline: March 7, 2024

80 Livingston Blvd Gaylord, Michigan

Livestock Conference Registration

**Gratiot County 4-H Show Swine
Workshop - Feb 18**

Gratiot County Extension is hosting a Youth Show Swine Workshop on Feb 18th, 2024. Any youth from any county is welcome to attend. If you



Youth Show Swine Workshop

DATE & TIME:

- February 18, 2024
- Presentations from 1 pm until 4 pm

LOCATION:

- Gratiot County MSU Extension Office
- 219 N State St Alma, MI 48801

COST and REGISTRATION:

- Cost is \$10
- Registration at MSU Extension office
- Cash or Checks Only
- Checks made out to: Gratiot 4-H Council

SPONSORS:

- MSUE Extension Gratiot County
- Gratiot 4-H Council

Stay tuned for a spring



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

This event is open to all youth from ages 5 to 19 years old. Parents also welcome to attend sessions.

DESCRIPTION:

This is an event in an afternoon of swine presentations for youth looking at showing pigs, whether you are a beginner or a veteran showman. The topics for this session include;

Selecting your Show Pig

Basic Pig Nutrition

I bought a pig, now what?!

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration link is below. Registration Deadline is February 12, 2023. Cash or checks are accepted for payment. Check can be made out to: Gratiot County Leaders' Council

CONTACT:

Kami Pakel
219 N State St
Alma MI, 48801
(989) 875-5234

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://bit.ly/3u23JoA> or



have questions, please call the Extension office at 989-875-5233.

Swine Registration

2024 State Hippology Contest March 16 | East Landing

Interested in testing your Equine Knowledge? Does the idea of working in a team to solve problems thrill you? Come and compete at the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest!

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to participate in the Michigan 4-H State Hippology Contest. Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior divisions as well as Junior Novice and Senior Novice allow for youth to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

REGISTRATION OPEN!
MICHIGAN 4-H
 State Hippology Contest
 March 16, 2024 at Michigan State University
 The annual Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest allows youth in horse and pony projects to test their equine knowledge.
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 REGISTER AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/EVENTS/MICHIGAN-4-H-HIPPOLOGY-CONTEST-2024](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-hippology-contest-2024)

Hippology Information

4-H Sporting Events



4-H Day with Spartans Women's Basketball
 Tickets now available! You're ALL invited to attend the eighteenth annual celebration of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H Youth Development at the Spartan Women's basketball game, Saturday, February 24, 2024.
 Ticket Price: FREE for the Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, staff, alumni

and their families!

Basketball Details

4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers
Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers is back! Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park as the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, April 28! Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy exclusive gameday opportunities and a portion of every ticket sold in the 4-H block will be donated back to Michigan 4-H.



Baseball Details

Teen Topics

Wexford 4-H Teen Committee Interest Meeting

Wexford 4-H Members ages 13-19 are invited to join the new teen committee of the Leaders Council!

What teens will do:

- plan fun events for 4-H families to meet each other
- help the 4-H leaders understand what teens in our communities want
- learn how groups work together to make decisions and keep records
- help direct the 4-H program into the future, like ideas for fundraisers
- act as role models for younger 4-H'ers to look up to

- represent 4-H at community, statewide, and national events

Email Kate to
Join

Interest Meeting coming soon. How do you want to meet for the first time?

Virtual

In-person

4-H Cash Composition Contest
Enter by February 29, 2024

1. Learn about budgeting
2. Write a 300 word essay
3. Submit essay and possibly win \$100 gift card!

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REMINDER

4-H Exploration Days Registration will open:

MARCH 25 2024
7:00 PM EST

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Join Michigan 4-H for the Winter/Spring 2024 Adulting 101 Series

- Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships - February 12 at 5pm
- Keeping Your Money Safe - March 19 at 6pm
- Cover Letter and Resume Writing - April 10 at 6pm
- Build and Protect Your Credit - May 15 at 5pm

Webinars are free. Register online.

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\$100 for 300 Words!

Money, money, money! The 2024 4-H Cash Composition Contest is now open! Youth residing in Michigan, ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024), have a chance to win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship by [Extra Credit Union](#).

Snag some cash in 3 easy steps!

1. Learn about budgeting
2. Write an essay
3. Submit your essay by Feb 29, 2024

Do you need resources to help you? Reach out to Kate for a list.

Exploration Days Registration

Registration Opens March 25! Save the Date for Exploration Days, June 19-21, 2024.

This MSU precollege program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to explore their future, try new things and experience college life! During this three-day event, youth will gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning and make friends for a lifetime. Attendees can also qualify for a scholarship to attend MSU by attending this event. We highly encourage participation even if not college bound!

Adulting 101 Returns Feb 12

MSU Extension 4-H has an exciting new line up of Adulting 101 sessions coming up in 2024. Join us monthly for free sessions to build life skills helpful in transitioning to "adulthood."

Fostering Healthy Relationships - February 12 at 5 pm
 Keeping Your Money Safe - March 19 at 6 pm
 Cover Letter and Resume Writing - April 10 at 6 pm
 Build and Protect Your Credit - May 15 at 5 pm
 Traveling on a Budget - June 6 at 6:30 pm

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
DATES: MARCH 17-19

Registration & Information
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SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE WILDLIFE
WITH JEREMIAH HEISE
ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM MANAGER U.S. FOREST SERVICE
February 13 | 6:30 PM EST
Registration required:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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Junior Livestock Conference

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See Government in Action!

March 17-19, 2024
4-H Capitol Experience registration is open until March 4!
Who: Youth in 9th grade through 12th grade.
What: a 3-day event where youth can meet with peers to talk about issues that are important to them, network with folks that work in a wide variety of roles related to public policy and see state government in action at the Michigan Capitol.
Cost: \$365 includes conference registration, lodging, and meals
**Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.*

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Wild Spartans: Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife

Feb 13 | 6:30 pm
Online

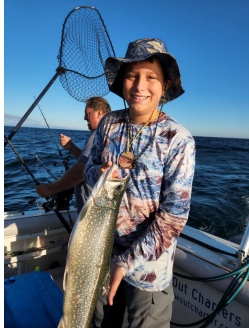
This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will wade with waterfowl and explore our forests. Join us on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 at 6:30pm EST for "Seeing the Forest for the Wildlife." You will meet Jeremiah Heise, Ecosystem Program Manager with the U.S. Forest Service, learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

Pre-
Registration
Required

Register

Volunteer Vault

Project F.I.S.H Workshop



MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife invites teachers, educators, and volunteers to 2 days of: **"Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education"**.

February 27 - 28 | MSU, East Lansing

This workshop is open to anyone, even those who may want to learn a bit more about fishing to be able to volunteer for local fishing events, or even teach your own family!

This is a workshop based on the Project FISH philosophy of hands-on, multiple-contact sportfishing and aquatic resource education. We will offer activities in Aquatic Ecology, Tackle Crafting, People and Fish Management, and actual Angling Skills. Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, even a fishing rod and reel, and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program/club with children in the classroom or an after-school setting. **Cost: \$75**, thanks to the BOSCH Community Fund, grants, and donors.

Scholarships are available to Wexford County 4-H Volunteers.

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4-H Plant Science Sampler Workshop



February 21st | 10 AM-2 PM | Muskegon MSU Extension

- 100% Cocoa: Explore chocolate's history, taste the "Food of the Gods," and start a "CHOCOLATE" SPIN club!
- Budding Botanists: Dive into plant science, Junior Master Gardener curriculums for "hands-on" learning, and grow your own food.
- Dinner Table Science: Discover plants

we eat, try new recipes, and explore after-school programming.

Clover Bud's Love Plants: Kids' workshop with stories, activities, and snacks for family science nights.

Let's Growing Grapes: Intro to Michigan 4-H Viticulture Project at Muskegon MSU Extension.

Spa Adventure with Plants: Relax and learn about plant-based spa treatments.

☐ Junior Master Gardener: Cultivate a love for gardening and appreciation for the environment.

Please RSVP by 2/14 to wassonj3@msu.edu or at 231-724-4739.

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Your time and talents can make a big impact!

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Apply to Volunteer

Help Wanted: Shooting Sports

Wexford and Missaukee County 4-H Programs are partnering to start a new shooting sports club to meet at the Cadillac Sportsmans Club. We are looking for volunteers to assist at meetings and possibly attend training this spring to become instructors for shotgun, rifle, and archery, as well as the other disciplines.

*Tentative Certification
Workshop: April 26-27,
2024 in Charlevoix, MI*

Help Wanted: Sewing Club

Wexford 4-H is seeking 2 volunteers with sewing experience to assist and/or lead sewing club meetings in the coming year. Our club is very popular and could expand in the near future. We have many supplies waiting to be used, a class set of machines, and many resources available to support volunteers.

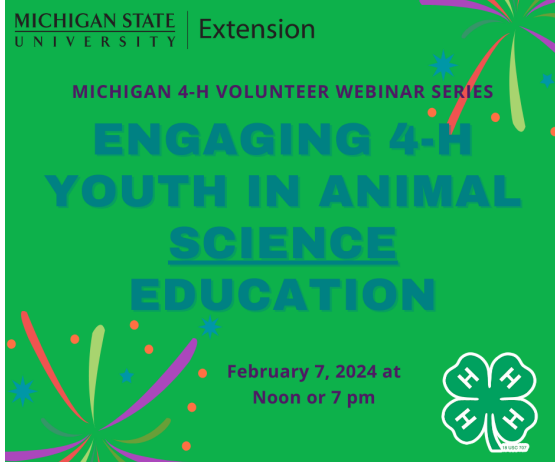
Help Wanted: Wild Ones Club

Wild Ones is a year-round club focusing on outdoor recreation and nature. The club is looking for 2 or more leaders to help youth develop a passion for nature and conservation. We have a significant number of supplies to help facilitate your ideas and adventures.

To learn more about volunteering, contact Kate:
Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

4-H Volunteer Webinar Series

Join Michigan 4-H on February 7th at Noon or 7 pm for Engaging 4-H Youth in Animal SCIENCE Education. Animal science projects are a 4-H favorite! Join us for information



about the curriculum and resources available to volunteers to engage 4-H youth in their communities in animal science education. This webinar will also include announcements about statewide 4-H animal science offerings for 2024.

Webinar
Registration

2024 Host Family Applications Open!



What: 2024 Inbound Host Family Applications have opened!

Increase: Due to the popularity of this exchange here in Michigan we have been approved to increase from only 13 participants this past year to 20 in 2024

When: Arrival (tentative) in Grand Rapids from July 21 to August 16

How: A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process.

Applications to host: found at www.states4hexchange.org

Questions: contact Jan Brinn brinn@msu.edu or Co-Coordinator John Wurm wurmj@msu.edu.

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County Calendar

FEB 8

Sewing Club Meeting
4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full.
Seeking New Leader

Mock It then Rock It: Wexford Missaukee Mock Interview Day

8 - 11:30 am | Baker College

FEB 9

Teens from Wexford and Missaukee Counties are invited to participate in mock interviews, resume reviews, and breakout sessions to help prepare them to enter the workforce.

Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

FEB 12

Join Makayla to learn how to raise, show, and sell animals. Ages 5-19

Wild Ones Club Meeting

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

FEB 14

Join Kate on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month for fun hands-on adventures and activities relating to nature. Ages 5-19. *Seeking New Leader*

Sewing Club Meeting

4:30 pm | MSU Extension Office

FEB 15

Join Roxanne and learn to use the sewing machine while completing small projects. Club is currently full. *Seeking New Leader*

Northern District Fair Board Meeting

6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

FEB 15

Volunteers are needed to make the fair a success. Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday at 6 pm.

State Calendar

Adulting 101: Fostering Healthy Relationships

FEB 13

Join us for our next Adulting 101 session, "Fostering Happy and Healthy Relationships" on Monday, February 12 at 5 p.m. Eastern time. During this one-hour virtual session



explore healthy relationship models that can enhance your future and current bonds. Tips on setting boundaries, managing conflict, navigating breakups, and practicing consent will be shared by a licensed professional counselor.

See 2024 Monthly Sessions

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