



WEXFORD WEEKLY WRAP-UP

March 2, 2024

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4-H Exploration Days 2024



**YOU'VE FOUND YOUR PLACE
NOW LET'S GROW!**

Save the Dates:

Mon., March 18, 6 pm - Wexford County Info Session (Zoom)

Mon., March 25, 7 pm - Statewide Registration Opens

Exploration Days: June 19-21 | MSU Campus | Ages 12-19

Exploration Days Info Session + Session List

Exploration Days is a 3-day adventure to Michigan State University under the supervision of Michigan 4-H staff and gold volunteers packed with life-skills-developing opportunities and memory-creating shenanigans for ages 12-19. Wexford County sends a delegation each year and provides transportation for all participants. Scholarships are available for Wexford County Participants.

Join Kate for an Information Session on March 18th at 6 pm on Zoom to learn more and discuss scholarships and details. Connection details coming soon.

[Exploration Days Info + Session List](#)



SPOT ON SHOOTING 4-H CLUB

MISSAUKEE & WEXFORD COUNTIES

Spot On Shooting will begin with Air Rifles with youth ages 9-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024)
Equipment will be provided, please do not bring your own. Cost: Free

INTEREST MEETING

MARCH 21, 6:30 PM | CADILLAC SPORTSMANS CLUB

Meet the instructors, get help enrolling, see the facility and equipment, and ask questions.
Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested. Snacks will be provided.

Contact your coordinator to enroll:

Missaukee - Sue Beerens: BeerensS@msu.edu | 231.839.4667

Wexford - Kate King: KingKa26@msu.edu | 231.779.9480

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Shooting Sports: New Club and Volunteer Training!

NEW CLUB - Spot On Shooting 4-H Club: Missaukee & Wexford 4-H

We are very excited to launch our new club in partnership with Missaukee County 4-H and the Cadillac Sportsman's Club! Spot on Shooting is intended to be a long-term club focusing on finding and exploring passions and interests and practicing the safe and responsible handling of equipment. We plan to grow this program to offer several disciplines and we will be looking for more volunteers to make it *thrive*.

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Interest Meeting (No Range Time) March 21, 6:30 PM | Cadillac Sportsman's Club Meet the instructors, get help enrolling, see the facility and equipment, and ask questions. Attendance is encouraged for anyone interested. Snacks will be provided.

Further meetings will be held on select Thursdays at 6:30 pm, April through June. Summer meetings will be determined later.

Email Kate for enrollment instructions and questions: Kingka26@msu.edu

VOLUNTEER TRAINING - Charlevoix | April 27-28

This is a multi-discipline workshop offering certification in: Archery, Hunting and Wildlife, Muzzleloader, Pistol, Rifle, and Shotgun. It is open to adults who have completed the VSP process, 4-H teen volunteers (ages 16+), and MSU Extension staff. ****Please note that in order to take the Muzzleloader or Pistol course, participants must have already completed Rifle certification****

- Must be an active Gold Volunteer
- Cost: \$150, prepay only. *Scholarships available from the Wexford 4-H Leaders Council
- Saturday 9 am - 8 pm & Sunday 9 am - 3 pm

Contact Kate for more information: Kingka26@msu.edu | 231-779-9480

MI 4-H's Highest Honor



It is that time of year! So, grab your pen! Spark your imagination! Join us as we roll out the 4-H Mark of Excellence Contest. This year, youth can submit either a video submission or a short journal reflection focusing on the theme "Because of 4-H I can!"

The Mark of Excellence is exclusively for 11–12-year-olds. To enter, a 4-H member submits an entry (video or journal entry) on the theme, "Because of 4-H I can ...". Entries are submitted to the local county MSU Extension office by April 1. County 4-H programs then select up to two youths' entries as their representatives and submit those names and entries to the State 4-H Awards Committee.



A State 4-H Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H youth!

Application deadline: April 1
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards24>
 Recognition event: June 19



The commitment you put into "Making Your Best Better" is significant. Through your 4-H experiences you are molding your future by growing your skills, becoming a leader, and serving your

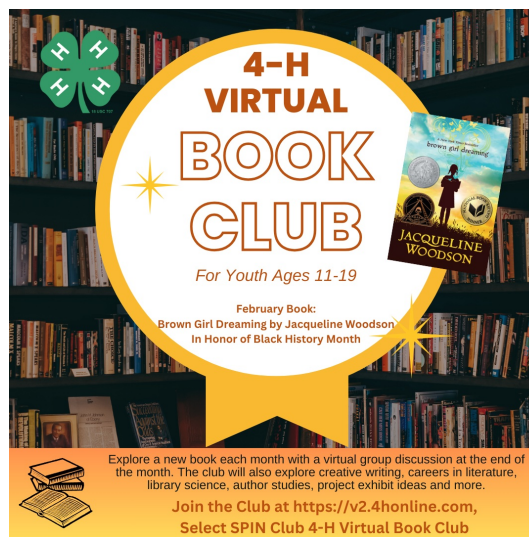
Georgia Boot Trailblazers Contest



Want to show off your 4-H project? Apply for the 2024 Georgia Boot Trailblazer Contest. Georgia Boot is looking for four enthusiastic 4-H'ers to share their 2024 project journeys with the Georgia Boot audience. Don't miss this chance to win a prize package valued at \$500! Learn more:

GB Trailblazers

Virtual Book Club



The 4-H Virtual Book Club is a new statewide SPecial INTERest (SPIN) Club. Club members will read a new book each month with a virtual group discussion at the end of the month. The club will also explore creative

community. Your efforts are commendable and deserve to be recognized with a Michigan 4-H State Award, the highest honor bestowed on a 4-H member.

Applications and interviews are based on communicating your 4-H participation and learning experiences. Applicants are eligible to compete for cash prizes and be recognized for their 4-H involvement. 4-H members who meet the minimum application score are eligible for a \$50 scholarship toward their 4-H Exploration Days registration. The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during the 4-H Exploration Days pep rally on June 19 at MSU.

writing, careers in literature, library science, author studies, project exhibit ideas and more. Books are chosen for an audience 11 and older. In honor of Black History Month, the selected book for February is *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. For more information or assistance in getting a copy of the book, contact Sarah at graversa@msu.edu or (810)667-0341.

**Enroll on 4-H
ONLINE**

**Learn More about State
Awards**

Animal Project Opportunities



Cluck, Hop & Wiggle Show

Presented by Missaukee County 4-H

DATE & TIME:

Saturday, May 18, 2024
Show starts at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Missaukee Agr'l Youth Show
171 E Prosper Rd
Falmouth, MI 49632

COST:

\$2.00 entry fee
\$3.00 per class
Pay at the door in cash or
check payable to Missaukee 4-H
Advisory Board.

CONTACT:

Susan Beerens
Missaukee MSU Extension office
beerenss@msu.edu
231-510-8701

REGISTER:

Scan QR code to register.
Registration ends May 5, 2024



DESCRIPTION:

This fun interactive show will include:

- Pullorum testing & Health Check 8 a.m.- 9:45a.m.
- Showing starts at 10:00 a.m.
- Rabbit and Poultry booths for making treats
- Rabbit agility available all day
- Concessions available
- Grand & Reserve Rosette and awards.
Prizes for all Cloverbuds.
- Open to all youth

Classes include:

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| Showmanship for: | Skill A Thon for: |
| * Chicken | * Poultry |
| * Duck | * Rabbit |
| * Turkey | |
| * Rabbit | |
| * Cavy | |

Age Groups Are:

- 17-19
- 14-16
- 11-13
- 8-10
- 5-7 Cloverbuds

These ages represent the age you were on January 1, 2024.



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NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR

CADILLAC, MI

NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR REMINDERS:

Now is the time to be finding your project animals!
Market Projects should be documenting details for record books
To sell chickens at the fair, you **MUST** order with NDF.

- Market Chickens (Broiler/Cornish) Orders are due by May 10, 2024
You **MUST** also register your market projects with the Northern District Fair

using the Market Registration Form.

- May 1, 2024 - Swine, Sheep, Goat, Rabbit, Cornish, Broiler
- Review the Livestock Rules now so you can ask your questions. (multiple sections apply to each person)

FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST:



NORTHERN DISTRICT FAIR
CADILLAC, MI

2024 FAIR BOOK COVER CONTEST

PRIZE:
COOKIES & CANVAS GIFT CERTIFICATES

Ages 10-19 (as of Jan 1, 2024)
Entries due by March 20, 2024

Details and Entry Form Available at:
NorthernDistrictFair.org/Youth

Cookies & Canvas
Wine & Canvas



NDF Youth
Department

4-H Sporting Events



TICKETS AVAILABLE!

MICHIGAN 4-H DAY WITH THE DETROIT TIGERS

April 28

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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



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Exploration Days Registration

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Learn More

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. We highly encourage participation even if not college bound! Wexford County 4-H sends a delegation each year and provides transportation and scholarships.

Learn More



Registration is now open! 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp! https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h/great_lakes_natural_resource_camp/

When? July 28-Aug 3, 2024

Where? Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle

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Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp

July 28- August 3 Presque Isle County
Young teens have fun and amazing outdoor hands-on learning experiences as they go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hike through forests, wade through wetlands, explore dunes and more! This really fun MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer - it could even change your life! Camp will be held at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, on the shores of Lake Esau. This year's camper fee is \$500 per camper and includes 6 nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential learning. Camper age is



KEEPING YOUR MONEY SAFE

A Michigan 4-H webinar on how to find the best financial institution for you.

March 25 from 7-8pm EST
April 3 from 5-6pm EST

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Adulting 101: Keeping Your Money Safe

March 19 | 6 pm
Wondering how to safeguard your hard-earned cash? Whether you're saving for college, planning your next adventure, or simply building a nest egg, it's essential to make informed choices about where you store your money. Join us to discover tips on

- Researching and evaluating financial institutions
- Choosing between banks and credit unions
- Strategies for securing your financial future

Learn

13-15 and they do not need to be a 4-H'er to attend. *Wexford County scholarships available to assist with costs.

More

Learn More



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
DATES: MARCH 17-19

Registration & Information

www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/

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NURTURING & INSPIRING A LOVE OF THE NORTHWOODS

WITH LICIA JOHNSON

NATURALIST & EDUCATION DIRECTOR, NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER

March 12 | 6:30 PM EST

Registration required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans20232024/>

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NORTH LAKELAND DISCOVERY CENTER
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Registration Closing: Capitol Experience

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.

Learn More

Wild Spartans: Nurturing & Inspiring a Love of the Northwoods

Mar 12 | 6:30 pm

Online

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a plunge with turtles and get a little batty while exploring the Northwoods of Wisconsin. You will meet Naturalist and Education Director for the North Lakeland Discovery Center, Licia Johnson, learn about her fieldwork, and the education and career path she followed to get there.

Pre-Registration Required

Volunteer Vault

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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.

*Certification Workshop:
April 27-28, 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

Group Management For 4-H Clubs and Groups March 18 | Noon or 7 pm

Working with a group of youth with a variety of ages can mean different energies during meetings and events. 4-H volunteers need strong behavior guiding strategies to help maintain the group focus and energy. Attend this session to learn and share techniques to support a successful group setting and help spark youth engagement.

Webinar

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.

Learn
More

County Calendar

MAR 11

Livestock Clubs Meeting

5 pm | Wexford County Annex Building

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

MAR 13

Wild Ones Club Meeting

5:30 pm | Carl T Johnson Center

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*

MAR 18

Wexford Exploration Days Info Session

6 pm | Zoom

Join Kate to learn about this 3-day trip to MSU in June for

ages 12-19.

MAR 21

Northern District Fair Board Meeting
6 pm | Fair Office (199 E 13th St. Cadillac)

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

MAR 26

Leaders Council Meeting
5:30 pm | TBA

Come see how caring adults in the community help youth thrive!

State Calendar

MAR 12

Adulting 101: Keeping your Money Safe

See 2024 Monthly Sessions

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