

# Clare County 4-H Family News



Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

April is a month of growth, renewal, and fresh beginnings—and that energy is in full bloom across Clare County 4-H. As the weather warms, so do our opportunities for learning, leadership, and connection. From preparing for spring weigh-ins and service projects to gearing up for camps, workshops, and outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone to get excited about.

This is also a perfect time to check in on your goals, get involved in new experiences, and support one another as we move closer to fair season. Thank you for the dedication you bring to our 4-H community—your involvement continues to make a positive difference.

Here's to a vibrant and engaging month ahead!

*Miranda Warmuskerken*

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### Important Reminders from the Clare County Fair Office!

- Weigh In:** 4/25 - Sheep & Dairy Feeder 5p to 7p
- 4/26 - Swine 9am to 11am
- 5/01 - YQCA Certificates and Pre Entry Forms Due
- 7/01 - Fair Entry Forms Due

For more information go to [www.clarecountyfair.org](http://www.clarecountyfair.org)  
or visit the Clare County Fair Facebook Page

Livestock exhibitors Large animal and Goat kids  
YQCA Certificates need to be into the fair office by May 1.  
**See the Clare County Fair Facebook Page for announcements for animal clinics and workshops**

### Scholarships Available for Clare County 4-H!

Contact Miranda

Registration Open Until  
**APRIL 25th**



[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days)

**EXPLORING NEW HORIZONS THROUGH 4-H**  
MICHIGAN 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS





Clare County 4-H Council  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
Every 4th Wednesday

**6PM**

**April 2nd & 23rd**  
Pere Marquette Dist. Library  
Basement Meeting Room

Due to Spring Break, the council meeting has been moved from March 26th to the following **Wednesday, April 2nd**  
The April meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday as usual  
The 4-H Apparel Design Contest winners will be selected at the April 2nd meeting. **COME PLACE YOUR VOTES!**

# Clare County 4-H Fundraising Committee

## Plant Sale

Tentative Delivery on Friday, May 16th  
Order through any Clare County 4-H Family.

**Orders due April 28, 2025**

### To Place an Order:

Contact any Clare County 4-H member or reach out to the Clare County 4-H office for assistance.

**Tentative Delivery Date:** Friday, May 16

Your purchase helps support local 4-H programs, providing youth with hands-on learning experiences in leadership, community service, and skill-building. 4-H empowers young people to develop confidence, responsibility, and a strong work ethic through projects in agriculture, science, arts, and more.




For more information, call/text or email

Miranda at: (989) 572-0434

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Our 4-H Apparel Design Contest is more than just a chance to showcase your artistic skills—it's the kickoff for an exciting summer fundraiser that directly supports Clare County 4-H youth programs.

### Apparel Pricing

-  T-Shirt: \$15
-  Long-Sleeve Shirt: \$20
-  Crewneck Sweatshirt: \$25
-  Hoodie: \$30

This is a fantastic opportunity to leave your mark on 4-H, support your peers, and see your design worn by the community!

**VOTING TAKES PLACE ON APRIL 2  
AT THE COUNCIL MEETING!**



**CLARE COUNTY  
4-H COUNCIL**

# APPAREL DESIGN CONTEST

Calling All 4-H Youth!  
Design Our Next 4-H Shirt!

*Submit your design for a chance to be featured on our Clare County 4-H apparel!*

## 3 SELECTED ARTISTS

*Receive a free shirt with their design*

### HOW TO ENTER:

- 1** Create your 4-H-themed design that could go on a shirt or hoodie
- 2** Submit your artwork to the Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator

## CONTEST CRITERIA

- ◆ Design may use up to 2 colors
- ◆ Digital Submissions: Email all digital designs to [warmusk3@msu.edu](mailto:warmusk3@msu.edu) in JPEG, PNG, or PDF format.
- ◆ Hand-Drawn Submissions: Scanned images may be emailed, but if selected you **MUST** provide the physical design to the MSU Extension office.
- ◆ Design theme must reflect Clare County 4-H
- ◆ Submission Deadline: April 1, 2025

## Country Neighbors 4-H Club Tours the MSU Meat Lab

On **February 10**, the **Country Neighbors 4-H Club** had the unique opportunity to tour the **MSU Meat Lab**—an experience that was both educational and eye-opening for youth and adults alike. A total of **26 youth and 14 adults** attended the tour, eager to learn about the meat processing industry and see firsthand how MSU supports education in agriculture and food science.

The facility left quite an impression on the group. The **MSU Meat Lab** processes **beef, hogs, and sheep** in its main area, with a separate dedicated space for **poultry processing**. One exciting new development is that the lab has begun supplying meat to a couple of cafeterias on campus, showcasing its growing impact.

**Jennifer Dominguez**, the lab's manager, guided the group through the tour and did an exceptional job explaining each step of the processing operation, as well as highlighting the lab's various capabilities. From the receiving area where the animals arrive, to the rooms where **meat is cut, wrapped, and packaged**, and even the **massive commercial smokers**, participants were able to explore the process from start to finish.

### Highlights included:

- Touring the **poultry processing area**
- Visiting the **animal intake and initial processing space**
- Learning about **cutting and packaging operations**
- Standing inside one of the **two industrial-sized smokers** used for preparing meats

The Country Neighbors 4-H Club highly recommends a visit to the MSU Meat Lab for any 4-H group or individual interested in food science, animal processing, or simply expanding their agricultural knowledge. It was a valuable experience that connected classroom learning to real-world applications in an impressive and engaging way.



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## Host a Japanese Youth with States' 4-H International Summer 2025

Open your home to a Japanese youth (ages 12–17) or adult chaperone for three and a half weeks and share a meaningful cultural exchange. Hosting offers your family the chance to learn about new customs, try new foods, and build lifelong friendships — right from your own home.

Apply to host at: [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org)

**Questions?** Contact Jan Brinn, Michigan 4-H International Exchange Coordinator at [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu)

*"Hosting an exchange student is like finding a four-leaf clover — rare, exciting, and full of charm!"*

**Spring 4-H Dog Workshop - April 12, 2025 - Commission on Aging in Mt. Pleasant**  
 Are you new to the 4-H dog project or looking to take your dog training, husbandry, and show skills to the next level? This hands-on workshop is a great opportunity for youth to build confidence and knowledge in working with their dogs. Cost is \$35 and includes lunch.  
**Registration is open until April 4, 2025: [www.events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H](http://www.events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H)**



**Club Leader:**  
Jo Peterson

**Contact:**  
(989)307-8995



◀ How to Join  
Clare Co. 4-H


Every Friday at 3:30 PM  
 Harrison District Library  
 Join us right after school!

### STEPS OF GARDENING



# A Clare County 4-H Club *All about* **GARDENING** 4-H Plant Pioneers Club is looking for members and we bet you'll **DIG IT!**

## Monthly Themes

-  **MAY** SOIL HEALTH
  -  **JUNE** NATIVE PLANTS
  -  **JULY** INSECTS & PESTS
  -  **AUG** PRESERVATION / HARVEST
  -  **SEPT** FALL / WINTER PREPARATION
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## Open to Ages 5 to 19

Come grow with us and learn how to be a Plant Pioneer!





## Apply for the 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards!

### 4-H Members Can Apply Until April 1st

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 community. Your 4-H journey has required curiosity, determination, accountability, and dedication to learning and growth. 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.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is a hands-on learning experience that allows 4-H members to develop and practice “adulting” skills such as resume writing, filling out an application, and interviewing. 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 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards will be presented during 4-H Exploration Days on June 18 at MSU.

**Who: 4-H members 12-19 years old (on January 1)**

Submit an application:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards25>

Application deadline: April 1

Find complete information on the website:

[www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition)



# Join Us 6-8 PM

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
The Venue on Main  
121 E Main St. Harrison, MI



## Club Leader Contact

Mary Henman (810) 882-9092

### Upcoming Meetings:

**February 18th**

**Topic:** Disa orchids

**Guest Speaker:** Wally Orchard

Creator of the new orchid, Disa Amanda

**April 15th**

**Virus Testing and Pest Control**

Bring your orchids to learn about their health and receive care tips

**Celebrate National Orchid Day!**

Free Orchid Raffle



Join the  
Orchids 4 Ever  
Facebook  
Group

# MSU Extension Mi 4-H Youth Equine



## 4-H Hippology Workshop

April 12, 2025

Are you ready to learn more about the world of horses? Don't miss our 4-H Hippology Workshop on **April 12th** from **Noon to 2 PM** at **Tollgate Farm and Education Center!**

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-workshop](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-workshop)



## Spartan Spring Warm-Up Horse Show

April 13, 2025

**MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education**

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-spartan-spring-warm-up-horse-show](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-spartan-spring-warm-up-horse-show)



## Beginner Horse 4-H Club: Intro to Horses

April 13, 2025

Over six fun-filled weeks, you'll get hands-on experience learning how to safely interact with horses, care for them, and understand their behavior.

**Sloan Horse Farm, 48036 Willis Rd, Belleville, MI, 48111**

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/beginner-horse-4-h-club](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/beginner-horse-4-h-club)



## Tame the Mane — Two Day Workshop

April & May Options

For ages 4 to 6 — \$85 per child  
2-session class — One accompanying adult  
**Tollgate Farm and Education Center**

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/tame-the-mane%20\(COPY\\_1741637348290\)](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tame-the-mane%20(COPY_1741637348290))



*Pictured: 2024 MI 4-H State Horse Show*



## Get Ready for the 2025 Throwback Show!

Horse enthusiasts of all ages are invited to participate in the **2025 Throwback Show** on **Saturday, August 9, 2025**, at the **Marion Fairgrounds**. Rain or shine, this event promises a full day of competition, camaraderie, and equestrian fun.

### Event Highlights:

- Classes for all ages, including **Showmanship, Hunt Seat, and Western Horsemanship**
- **Daily High Point Awards** for each age group
- **No fees** for High Point, trailer-ins, or office charges
- Food and beverages available for donation on-site

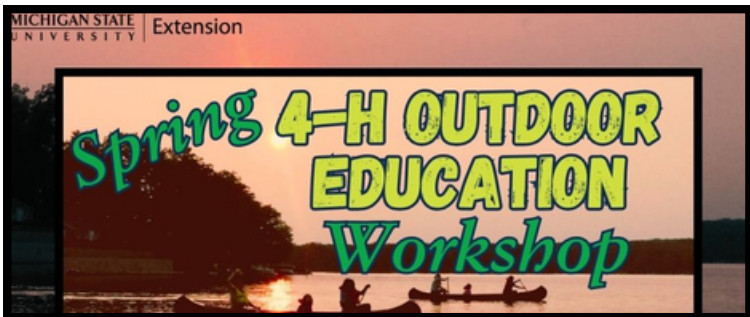
### Important Information for Participants:

- **Entry Fee:** \$5 per class
- Walk/Trot/Canter available for most riding classes, with **Walk/Trot for ages 10 & under**
- Participants must **clean up their parking area** and ensure all **horses, handlers, and dogs** remain well-mannered throughout the event

### For questions, contact:

Carla Truman, Show Manager at **231-920-1091**

Join us for a day of friendly competition, great company, and a celebration of equestrian passion!



# Registration Now Open!

## Spring 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop

April 12–13, 2025 | Camp Newaygo

Calling all 4-H GOLD volunteers with a passion for the outdoors! Registration is now open for the Spring 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop.

This weekend workshop is designed to help volunteers **build skills in outdoor recreation and education**, learn best practices for working with youth in outdoor settings, and connect with like-minded peers in a beautiful lakeside environment.

### Workshop Tracks

Participants will choose one of the following tracks:

#### 1. Paddling with Youth Basics

Led by Camp Newaygo staff, this track covers paddling techniques, water safety, and how to successfully lead youth on water-based adventures. Skills will be practiced both on **Pickerel Lake** and the **Muskegon River**.

#### 2. Project Learning Tree and More!

Led by 4-H staff, this track provides facilitator certification in **Project Learning Tree (PLT)** and hands-on training in 4-H Environmental and Outdoor Education curricula. Participants will receive full curriculum guides and be equipped to run future training events.

The weekend also includes full-group sessions covering **4-H outdoor recreation policies**, safety guidelines, and helpful tools for enhancing outdoor programs.

### Who Can Attend?

Open to **Active GOLD 4-H volunteers** only.

### Schedule & Cost

- **Dates:** April 12–13, 2025 (Option to arrive Friday, April 11)
- **Start Time:** 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 12
- **End Time:** 12:00 PM on Sunday, April 13
- **Cost:** \$150 per person (includes all meals, lodging, and materials)
  - Lodging is dormitory-style
  - Meals: Saturday (breakfast, lunch, dinner) & Sunday (breakfast)
  - Friday dinner is on your own for early arrivals



**Clare County 4-H is offering financial support to help cover the cost of registration.** If you're interested in attending, please contact Miranda Warmuskerken, Clare County 4-H Program Coordinator, at [warmusk3@msu.edu](mailto:warmusk3@msu.edu) to request assistance.

**Hurry! Registration closes on Friday, March 27 at midnight!**

♥ Learn more and register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025OutdoorEdWorkshop/>

Don't miss this chance to gain valuable skills, connect with others, and enjoy the outdoors with 4-H!



# 4-H Animal & Veterinary SCIENCE CAMP

## Registration Opens April 1st!

### 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp

June 24–27, 2025 | Michigan State University

Youth interested in animal and veterinary science are invited to apply for the **2025 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp**, taking place **June 24–27** on the campus of **Michigan State University** in East Lansing.

This **five-day pre-college program** offers youth entering grades **9–12** in the fall of 2025 an immersive experience in the fields of **animal and veterinary science**. Participants will explore a variety of career paths and develop new knowledge and skills through hands-on learning and interactive sessions.

### What to Expect:

- Work alongside **MSU faculty, staff, and college students** in labs and animal facilities
- Learn about topics including animal behavior, nutrition, genetics, anatomy, and veterinary care
- Tour MSU’s farms and veterinary facilities
- Gain insight into college life and the admissions process

The camp is ideal for youth who are considering careers as veterinarians, animal scientists, or in related fields, and who are motivated to explore the sciences in a university setting.

### Application Details:

- Open to youth entering grades 9–12
- Space is limited and **application is required**
- **Applications are due by April 15, 2025**
- Program cost: \$450 (includes lodging, meals, and materials)

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♥ Learn more and apply at:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-and-veterinary-science-camp-2025>







# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Support 4-H with the TSC Spring Paper Clover Campaign



From April 21 – May 5, Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 paper clover at checkout, both online and in stores.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit [www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h](http://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h).

### April 10: Driving Success with Workplace Professionalism

*Online*

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar will provide insight on professionalism in the workplace.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/workplace-professionalism)

### April 16: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar - 4-H Club Fundraising 101

*Online*

This webinar will provide an overview of Michigan 4-H fundraising policies, ensuring that your efforts align with guidelines and best practices for success.

- **12 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-noon)
- **7 p.m. session:** [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-4-h-club-fundraising-101-7pm)

### April 24: 4-H Fly Fishing Series

*Adrian, Michigan*

Learn to use fly fishing equipment, practice fly casting techniques and tie a variety of knots. Learn about environmental and water quality concerns, as well as a fish's ecosystem as you practice imitating insects and other water critters. Registration deadline is April 18.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-fly-fishing-series)

### April 30: Make the Most of Your Market Animal Project – Goal Getters

*Online*

Learn how to set SMART goals to enhance your livestock marketing success. This session will provide practical strategies to develop a goal, stay focused and achieve it.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/market-animal-project-webinar4-30)

### May 1: Engineering the Future with Careers in Integrated Vehicle Systems (IVS)

*Online*

Through a partnership with Toyota, youth will experience a variety of career paths in the automotive industry as well as build workforce readiness skills. This webinar focuses on careers in IVS, the backbone of advanced safety in automobiles.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/careers-in-ivs)

### May 3: Spring 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Workshop for Adults and Teens

*Owosso, Michigan*

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/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-2025-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-workshop-for-adults-and-teens)





# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

## Registration open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 27 – August 2 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle and is open to youth ages 13-15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, swimming, sailing, archery, fishing, snorkeling, evening campfires and more!

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$525 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



## Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts. You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 18-20 at MSU in East Lansing. Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! The cost for the 2025 event is \$250, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Registration opened March 20 and closes April 25. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_exploration\\_days/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/).

## Get your tickets for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday, April 27. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the Group Charity of the Game. To celebrate, 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game, as well as:

- Access to a pre-game, on-field opportunity. Michigan 4-H youth are invited to take a lap around the warning track of Comerica Park before the game.
- A portion of each ticket sold donated to Michigan 4-H.

There are several ticketing options available this year, in three main locations, ranging in price from \$22 - 46. In addition, each ticket purchased through the Michigan 4-H link will have the opportunity to purchase an exclusive, co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers jersey (while supplies last). Jerseys can only be purchased by purchasing a ticket through the Michigan 4-H link; however, there is an option to buy tickets without the purchase of a jersey. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers).



# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



## 4-H State Award Recognition Areas

- Achievement (18-19 only)
- Beef Science
- Birds & Poultry Science
- Career Development
- Civic Engagement & Service
- Companion Animal Science
- Consumer & Family Science
- Dairy Science
- Environmental Science
- Equine Science
- Food, Nutrition, Health & Fitness
- Gardening & Horticulture
- Goat Science
- Leadership
- Rabbit & Cavy Science
- Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- Sheep Science
- Shooting Sports
- Swine Science
- Versatility
- Visual, Performing & Expressive Arts
- Group Award

Submit Application Online

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateAwards25>

**Application deadline: April 1**



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# Michigan 4-H State Awards Program

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program provides 4-H members an opportunity to receive recognition while expanding their network and improving their leadership skills. At the conclusion of this program, participants have a cover letter, resume and a portfolio highlighting their 4-H experiences. Many of these resources will be transferable to future applications for jobs, college and scholarships.

## Age Categories

- » Mark of Excellence Contest:  
10-11 year-old 4-H members
- » Junior State Award  
12-15 year-old 4-H members
- » Senior State Award  
16-19 year-old 4-H members
- » Achievement Award  
18-19 year-old 4-H members
- » Group Award  
12-19 year-old 4-H members



This experience provides 4-H members a hands-on experience to practice valuable skills everyone needs as they enter adulthood:

- ☑ **Completing an application**
- ☑ **Creating a resume**
- ☑ **Writing a cover letter**
- ☑ **Interviewing**

## Recent Program Updates

- 4-H State Award finalists recognized during 4-H Exploration Days
- Applicants submit 2 photos—one headshot, one showing project involvement
- Senior interviews held via Zoom
- Cash prizes increased (2024)
- Achievement Award added for 18-19 year old members

## Questions?

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Janice Zerbe  
rajzerj@msu.edu or 269-657-8213

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting 4-H State Awards Coordinators at msue.4hawards@campusad.msu.edu by March 15 to make arrangements. Requests received after this date will be fulfilled when possible.

**This could be you!!**



**Start your application today!**

**Application deadline: April 1**

## PRIZES

- ⇒ \$50 scholarship for all finalists attending 4-H Exploration Days
- ⇒ CASH prizes for winner in junior and senior division in 20 categories & group award winner
- ⇒ Plaques awarded to winners

**Learn more:** [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index)

# CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON

## FOCUS



Calling all future  
change agents!

## SAVE THE DATE

### June 20-27, 2025

The Michigan 4-H Delegation will leave **by bus** on Friday, June 20 at 1:00pm. We will **stay the night in Gettysburg** and tour the battlegrounds the next morning before heading to the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD for **6 days** of eventful programming. This includes **meetings with our Senators and Representatives**, tours of many **monuments** provided by a licensed DC tour guide, **incredible workshops** that teach life skills like civil discourse and critical thinking, and much more!

The total **cost is \$2,500.00** (includes transportation from East Lansing and back, all lodging, conference costs, and most meals). Six meals and spending money will need to be provided by participants.

For additional information, go to the website at:  
<https://4-h.org/events/citizenship-washington-focus/>

**Enroll in 4-H Online** at <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and then **register through Events**.

Contact your County 4-H Program Coordinator to **find out about local scholarships**:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/county>

For more information, contact Liana Pepin at [deisenro@msu.edu](mailto:deisenro@msu.edu) or **906-315-2663**

**“Visiting DC was incredible, giving me the opportunity to visit historical monuments and museums that I had never seen. I really liked when we got to tour the Capitol Building as well as meet with our Congressional representatives. I also met people from all over the USA and made long-lasting friendships. It was truly one of the best weeks of my life and I encourage anyone who has the chance to participate in CWF to take it!”** Ansel Frost- 2019 CWF Delegate

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## Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game

### An Interactive Scavenger Hunt on Financial Literacy

The **Smart Money Missions Goosechase Game** is an interactive scavenger hunt where Michigan youth aged 13-19 can learn essential money management skills while completing fun and engaging challenges. Powered by the Goosechase app, participants will tackle missions that test budgeting, saving, spending, and investing knowledge, while earning points as they progress through the game. Players have the chance to win prizes, while also gaining valuable financial knowledge.

This immersive educational experience will equip youth with skills to manage finances and make informed decisions in the future.

### How to Join?

- **Download** the Goosechase app and create your account
- **Register** for the game at link provided on this flyer (make sure the username you create in the Goosechase app matches your registration name for eligibility)
- **Participate** in the game and complete your missions! The game starts on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at noon** and ends on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at noon**
- **Earn Prizes!** The **top 10 players** with the highest scores will each receive a **\$50 gift card**
- **Enjoy Learning and Climbing the Leaderboard!**

**This event is free for all eligible participants and is graciously sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union Foundation.**

### Register Here:



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More information on the program and register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/smart-money-missions>





## 4-H Celebrates Military Youth with Virtual Challenge for Month of the Military Child

### For Immediate Release:

**Cadillac, Michigan** – In honor of the Month of the Military Child this April, Michigan State University Extension 4-H Military Family Program is hosting the 2025 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge. This exciting two-week event recognizes and celebrates the resilience, strength, and contributions of military-connected youth through engaging activities and challenges.

The 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge invites Michigan youth to participate in an interactive experience using the GooseChase app. Participants will complete exciting missions focused on military life, technology, history, and career exploration at their own pace while connecting with a community of civilian and military families.

### Who Can Participate?

This challenge is open to all Michigan youth ages 5-19 (as of January 1, 2025), including military-connected and non-military youth who wish to show their support while having fun!

### Why Join?

- Celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of military youth
- Engage in fun, hands-on learning
- Earn prizes for completing missions
- Connect with a supportive community

### Event Details:

When: April 1–13, 2025

Where: Virtual on GooseChase – Participate from anywhere in Michigan!

Cost: Free!

Register & Learn More: <http://www.events.anr.msu.edu/4HMOMC2025/>

“Military children face unique challenges, and this event is a wonderful way to acknowledge their resilience and dedication,” said Kate King, 4-H Military Partnership Liaison at Michigan State University Extension. “Through this challenge, we hope to provide a fun and meaningful way for military kids to connect, learn, and be recognized.”

This program is supported by a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation and by partnerships with the MSU Center for Veteran and Military-Affiliated Students and Michigan National Guard Children and Youth Program.

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### About MSU Extension 4-H Military Family Program:

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Military Family Program provides support, education, and opportunities for military-connected youth and families. As military families move frequently and experience the difficulties surrounding deployment and reintegration, 4-H provides predictable programming and a safe and nurturing environment for military-connected children and youth to excel.

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# GLOBAL VOICES

## 2025 ESSAY CONTEST

MICHIGAN, USA

**THEME:** COMMUNITY— the rich tapestry of experiences and ideas that shape our state

**Open to:**

- High School Track: open to all 9th – 12th grade students in Michigan schools
- Young Adult Track: open to all 18-24 year olds who live in Michigan

**Due date:** May 2, 2025

**Length:** 600-900 words

**Essay language:** English



Visit Website

**Sub-themes:**

- Shared Natural Resources
- Heritage and Home
- Bridges of Unity
- Innovation for the Future
- Other

**Key points:**

- Think about a time related to the chosen sub-theme when you have learned the significance of community
- Explain both the challenge that you faced and ways your relationship to your community was impacted

**Learn more:**

- Please visit our website for detailed information about the essay contest, including submission instructions and judging criteria.

1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE  
500 USD

2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE  
200 USD

3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE  
100 USD

\* There are two sets of awards. For both the 9th – 12th grade track and the 18+ track, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards are available.

\* The best essays within each sub-theme will be published online and/or in print. By submitting an essay, you must agree that it may be published online and/or in print. Authors who are less than 18 years old will be required to gain parental/guardian consent to be eligible for publication and public recognition (if applicable).



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# Girls On outdoor Adventure for Leadership and Science



**Are you interested in exploring  
and learning science in the  
outdoors?**

**Where:**

Starting and  
ending at Kellogg  
Biological Station  
Hickory Corners, MI

**When:**

Summer 2025

**Cost:**

FREE

**Website:**

[galsmi.weebly.com](http://galsmi.weebly.com)

GALS is a free 2-week summer program for high-school students interested in learning about science and teamwork in nature.

You will embark on backpacking trips in the Michigan wilderness.

You will learn hands-on about the ecology, biology, and geology of your surroundings while honing leadership skills.

**We invite high school-aged students identifying  
as female or gender non-conforming to apply!**



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# 2025 State 4-H Spring Dog Workshop

April 12th, 2025  
9:00am-3:30pm

**Isabella County Commission on Aging**  
2200 S Lincoln Rd, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Registration fee: \$35  
Lunch provided

Registration Deadline: April 4th,  
2025

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025DogWorkshop4H/>

Individual Session registration is day-of.

Session topics include:

- Rally
- Showmanship
- Obedience
- Clicker Training
- Canine First Aid
- How to become a 4-H Dog Judge
- And more!



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