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4-H Family News

Ingham County



**NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**
October 7-12, 2024

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Ready for anything.**

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

National 4-H Week October 7-12

Horse Committee Meeting Wednesday, Oct 9th, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg

4-H Council Committee Meeting Wednesday, Oct 16, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg

Shooting Sports Committee Meeting Monday, Oct. 28, 6:30 pm Hilliard Bldg Conf Rm A

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Adulting 101

The Ins and Outs of Paying for Post-Secondary Education

- Learn about student loans, facing the FAFSA and tuition free options.

Wednesday,
October 9, 2024
5-6 pm ET



Michigan 4-H

Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award

Nominations due October 15

Paper Clover

Nov. 29 – Dec. 15

Funds support 4-H camp, scholarships & leadership activities.



Two Locations!!

Williamston

3001 N. Williamston Rd, 48895

Stockbridge

4569 South M52, 49285



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available!



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). Each scholarship has specific eligibility, be sure to read the requirements to see if you qualify.

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

October 5-6: MSU Tollgate Pumpkinfest

Tollgate Farm, Novi

Pumpkinfest is a family-friendly event at MSU Tollgate Farm. Enjoy a harvest celebration of wagon rides, u-pick pumpkin patch, cider, donuts, food, music and activities on the farm.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/pumpkinfest-2024

October 6-12: National 4-H Week

Nationwide

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. During this week, celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week.

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

October 9: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

An education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H with Michigan legislators and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol

October 10: Wild Spartans – From the Desert to the Deep Sea

Online

Join as we take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month, dive into the depths of the ocean to explore the world of sharks and marine science! Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-2024-25

October 23: 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Building Strong Relationships Through Every Stage

Online

Understanding the development of youth is crucial for building strong, positive relationships. In this webinar, explore the key stages of child and youth development and the common characteristics that young people share as they grow. This session will be offered twice for the convenience of volunteers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-positive-youth-development-101-building-strong-relationships-through-every-stage7pm





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Wild Spartans series is back!

The ever popular 4-H Wild Spartans series is back for a new season! Join 4-H staff as they meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and more!

Follow along as we climb through bogs, peer into bear dens, mist net songbirds, snorkel for fish, or perhaps even tag deer. Meet researchers, learn about their field work, and the education and career path they've followed to get there. Sessions last approximately 30 minutes and will feature 1-2 guest researchers. Following presentations, youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A with scientists.

Suggested audience age is 12-19 years. Viewers are encouraged to watch together with their families. This free series is open to both 4-H members and non-4-H members. Monthly sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. ET, October through March.



Join Us Online
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

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For more information and registration, visit www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series.



Join
4-H FUTURE SQUAD
A virtual 4-H club for youth 12-19 years old focused on life skills for the future

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Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Figuring all this "adulting" out can be hard! If you are a 12-19 year-old youth in Michigan, join 4-H Future Squad in learning more about important life skills for YOUR future.

4-H Future Squad was inspired by Generation Z youth seeking life skill development for a better future for themselves and their peers. This will be the fourth year of the program, which is designed to help youth feel prepared and ready to take on the future and adulthood.

The club will meet twice a month October 2024 through May 2025, virtually through Zoom. Meetings will involve team-building and will cover areas such as money management, career readiness, stress management, goal setting, time management, communication, politics, food safety and basic household tasks.

Club meetings for the 2024-2025 year will take place on a variety of days of the week. Current meeting dates and times will be communicated via e-mail and on the upcoming programs webpage.

"I like the community I've met. We share some similar interests, and it's a great place to discuss topics that are important life skills, in a place with other people that care about learning also."

- 2023-2024 4-H Future Squad member

This club can be your primary or secondary club. For more information and to get registered, visit: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.



Michigan Fair and Exhibition Industry Offers Scholarships

For immediate release

Community volunteers and youth have always been the backbone of Michigan fairs and festivals. In addition to youth involved with fairs, there are a number of partners such as carnivals, concessionaires and entertainers that support the Michigan fair industry. Beyond the annual fair event, there are insurance providers, equipment providers and multitude of companies that provide support to fairs, festivals and exhibitions throughout the state. The Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions (MAFE) is a member organizations of these fairs, festivals and industry partners founded in 1885.

MAFE is excited to announce that scholarships for youth involved with a MAFE member fair, festival or associate will be offered this year and presented at the annual convention banquet on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Up to six \$1000 scholarships will be awarded based on an application due November 2. The MAFE scholarships are a coveted award with over 100 applicants annually. Applications are available on the MAFE website. The applications are reviewed by a committee of industry volunteers with winners notified in December.

"Supporting the next generation of fair leaders through scholarships and post-secondary education is vital to our industry's sustainability," shared Joh Schut, MAFE Executive Director. "In addition to leadership and growth opportunities at the annual convention, Michigan youth are also able to network with leaders in the fair and exhibition industry." MAFE was established in 1885 and is a voice for the Michigan Fair and festival industry. MAFE member fairs and festivals serve all 83 Michigan counties.

Michigan agricultural fairs are an economic and social asset to their communities and the state. They are the ultimate showcases of Michigan agriculture. With a normal attendance of nearly 4.5 million attendees, which is roughly half the population of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food and entertainment they provide of the state, people of all ages come to enjoy the fun, food and entertainment they provide.

For more information please contact the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions office at 517-317-4544 or mifairs@gmail.com

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp

Overview

4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp (Ages 14+)

4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice (Ages 11-13)

- **Registration Deadline: Dec 1, 2024**
- **Arrive:** Fly or Drive.
- **Depart:** Fly or Drive Home.

The world's largest zoological organization partners with Missouri 4-H to offer 4-H youth an opportunity to discover, learn, laugh and experience one-of-a-kind adventures with animals from around the world.

Learn-by-doing has long been a 4-H motto. Now 4-Hers will experience this Busch Gardens 335-acre African-themed living classroom by attending the 4-H Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 14+ or by attending 4-H Junior Zoo Apprentice Camp for youth ages 11-13.

Youth in attendance will become amateur zookeepers and discover firsthand what it takes to care for animals from around the world. Assist zoo staff behind the scenes and observe animal care sessions.

Youth in attendance will be living inside Busch Gardens. They will investigate the mysteries of the animal kingdom, getting up-close to animals they have never seen before. And in between life changing moments, participants will enjoy World Class Entertainment in our nation's fourth most popular amusement park. In addition, all participants will make lifetime memories spend time working with the animal care specialists at Sea World, touring Sea World Rescue and sleeping overnight beside our new aquatic friends.

You will return with a keen understanding of animal behavior, science, and nutrition. You will be a better communicator with your own animals and four-footed family members.

The \$875 registration fee includes:

- Airport pick-up and transportation on Saturday to Busch Gardens
- All lodging
- 24/7 Staff Escorts including Zoo Staff, Education Staff, Youth Professionals and Health Staff
- Three camp t-shirts
- Staff will process needed laundry during the week
- All meals and lodge snacks
- Re-usable water bottle
- I.D. badges
- Backpack
- Transportation to and from Orlando
- All meals at Sea World
- All special events at Sea World
- Sea World Rescue facilities
- Park admission to both Sea World and Busch Gardens
- Behind the scene access
- Veterinary practices and care facilities
- Animal encounters

