



4-H Family News

March 2025

Jackson County Connections



Kyle Mason Memorial
Scholarship
Due March 15th

****anything in person by 14th at 5pm****

For application and details go to

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/jackson/4-h/newsletters-scholarships-and-awards>

Jackson MSU Alumni (Jackson Spartans)
Due July 1st

For applications and details go to

<https://www.jacksonspartans.com/s/1393/18/interior.aspx?sid=1393&gid=82&pgid=11338>

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Stay Connected

* Jackson County 4-H Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/jacksoncounty4h>

* Jackson Co. 4-H Small Animal Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountySmallAnimal>

* Jackson County 4-H Livestock Assoc. Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/JacksonCountyLargeAnimal>

* Jackson County Horse Council Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/232601997473213>

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COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March Meetings

Tuesday 4th Cloverbud
*See flyer for details

Monday 10th 7:00pm
Horse Council Meeting

Tuesday 11th 7:00pm
Small Animal Association Meeting

Thursday 13th Pocket Pets

Monday 17th 6:00pm
Youth Council

Wednesday 19th:
Large Animal Expectations Meeting at 6:30pm
Large Animal Association Meeting afterwards

Thursday 20th 7:00pm
4-H Expo Days Registration opens

MSUE Office Closed March 27th & 28th

April Meetings

April 2nd 6pm
YQCA

Thursday 10th Pocket Pets

Monday 14th 7:00pm
Horse Council Meeting

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1715 Lansing
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Jackson, MI
49202



YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

Food Safety - Animal Well Being - Character

Jackson County 4-H'er's who are taking MARKET BEEF, SHEEP & OR SWINE to fair will need to be YQCA certified. You can either take the class in-person class or do it online at your convience.

In-Person

April 2nd at 6pm

Jackson Area Career Center

\$3 per person

Register & pay by March 31st

At <https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Pizza dinner will be provided at 5:30pm

Or

Online

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

LARGE ANIMAL EXPECTAIONS MEEITNG: DAIRY – BEEF – SWINE - SHEEP

Each large animal species superintendent will go through their expectations packets. Youth and families will learn what is expected to raise and show this specie and can ask questions!!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Youth in Action Program applications open



Apply now for the 2026 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives who are making a difference in their communities.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth ages 14-19. The deadline to apply is March 31. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/programs/4-h-youth-in-action-program/application/>.

March 3: Adulting 101 – Get It Together: Tim and Organization Tips to Thrive

Online

Learn practical tips to tackle schedules, beat procrastination and organize spaces to help you be successful now and in the future.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/get-it-together

March 11: 4-H Give Green Day

Online

Help us reach our goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period on Give Green Day to support learning experiences for Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 11: Wild Spartans

Online

Join 4-H staff for the "Wild Spartans" series for a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month's session will explore conservation efforts in zoos with Seth Magle, director of the Urban Wildlife Institute at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-monthly-wildlife-fisheries-webinar-series-march-2024-2025

March 15: Michigan 4-H Hippology Contest

East Lansing

Youth aged 5-19 are eligible to demonstrate their comprehensive equine knowledge and skills in an engaging setting.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-hippology-contest

March 18: Mich. 4-H Volunteer Webinar - Cultivating Developmental Relationships with Youth

Online

Explore how to build impactful connections with youth through developmental relationships. This series will provide volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers. This session will be offered twice:

- **12 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-noon
- **7 p.m. session:** www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-the-heart-of-4-h-cultivating-developmental-relationships-with-youth-7pm

April 1: 2025 Michigan 4-H State Awards application deadline

Online

This program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2025-michigan-4-h-state-awards-application-deadline



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUDS

JOIN THE FUN!!

- *JANUARY 7TH - DREAM CATCHER
- *FEBRUARY 4TH - CANVAS PAINTING
- *MARCH 4TH - CHEF CLOVERBUD
 - *APRIL 1ST- COUNCIL NIGHT
- *MAY 6TH - DAHLEM CENTER
- *JUNE 3RD- GARDENING

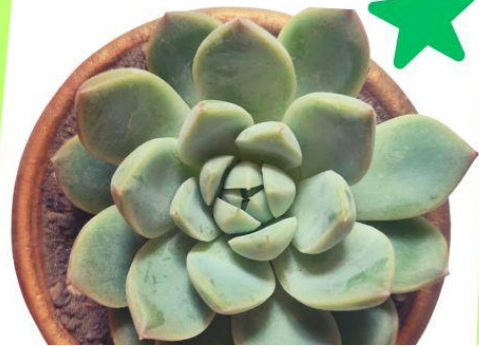
OPEN TO ALL JACKSON COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS 5-7 YRS OLD FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA WALDRON AT 517-788-4292 OR WALDRO45@MSU.EDU

ALL ACTIVIES ARE FROM 6-7:30PM COST \$7 PER ACTIVITY MSU EXTENSION OFFICE 1715 LANSING AVE STE 257 JACKSON, MI 49202



REGISTER AT:
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BY THE FRIDAY
BEFORE EACH CLASS

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**JACKSON COUNTY 4-H
SMALL ANIMAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**



DJ TRIVIA

**TEASE YOUR BRAIN & WIN
CASH PRIZES**

MAY 3RD

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
TRIVIA STARTS AT 6:30PM**

AMERICAN LEGION ROSE CITY POST #324

1190 FALAHEE RD
JACKSON, MI 49203

**TACO BAR \$8.00
KIDS EAT FOR FREE!**

**SILENT AUCTION &
BAKE SALE**

**ADMISSION
ADULT \$10
KIDS \$8
(10 & UNDER)**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
TO SUPPORT JACKSON
COUNTY 4-H SMALL
ANIMAL YOUTH**





4-H Exploration Days Info 2025

June 18-20th, 2025
Michigan State University Campus
East Lansing, Michigan



Important Information

\$250 Youth Participant Fee
\$150 Adult Chaperone Fee

Reimbursement Opportunity:

Jackson County 4-H Council

-Attend and present what you learned after Expo Days along with answering any Council questions

Registration:

March 20th at 7 pm -opens
April 25th at 5 pm -closes

Registration Details Link

2025 Session List Link

2025 Session Highlights:

- Meet MSU Departments to learn about future career paths at MSU
- Shooting Sports
- Still projects
- Sports- Rugby-Pickleball
- Horticulture
- Vet Science
- Leadership



Who?
All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults interested in chaperoning should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

What?
Live like a college student while exploring careers, building skills, and envisioning your future. This three-day pre-college program offers over 100 fun learning sessions across MSU campus led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff, and experts.

How much? 2025 cost is \$250 for youth, which includes two nights' lodging, meals, sessions, free-time activities, and an event T-shirt.

County Information:

Contact:
Jackson MSU Extension Office
517-788-4292

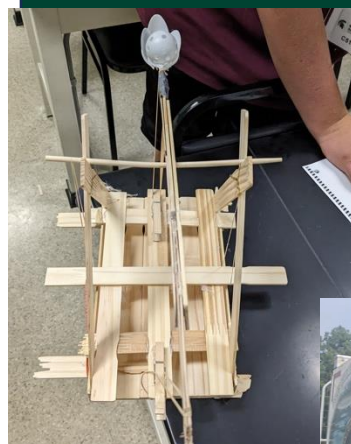
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Need more info? Scan here:



Team Unity



Build a Catapult



Watery World of Fish-MI DNR



2024 - 2025 Pesticide Classes

2024-2025 Pesticide Training and RUP Testing Sites



MSU Extension, MDARD PPPMD, and MSU Pesticide Safety Education Program are offering in-person Core Manual review classes followed by Core pesticide applicator certification testing. Fumigation and Aerial Standard tests will also be available.

PRIVATE CORE, FUMIGATION STANDARD, AERIAL STANDARD AND COMMERCIAL CORE TESTS ONLY. NO COMMERCIAL CATEGORY TESTS.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE CORE REVIEW IS MANDATORY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE IN-PERSON TESTING. REFUNDS OR DEFERRING TO OTHER LOCATIONS ARE ALLOWED ONLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The 4-hour review covers the chapters of the National Pesticide Applicators Certification Core Manual. The review is held in the morning and the MDARD exams are given that afternoon. We recommend participants read and study the Core Manual before attending the review. Copies may be ordered from: <https://npsecstore.com/pages/michigan>. County Extension offices may also have copies available. Please call ahead for availability.

TIME:

- 8 a.m. Check-in
- 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 Core review class
- 12:30 Lunch is provided
- 1:00 p.m. MDARD testing session

REVIEW CLASS COST: Fee for the Core review class is \$25.00. Payable to Michigan State University or MSU.

MDARD TESTING COST: Fee for applicator certification is paid to the STATE OF MICHIGAN. Commercial Applicator certification fee is \$75.00, Private Applicator fee is \$50.00 and Registered Applicator fee is \$45.00. Military Veterans Private applicator certification fees are waived if a copy of their DD214 is provided.

A check payable to "State of Michigan" is the only payment accepted for the applicator certification fee. **Cash or credit card payments are not accepted.** MDARD will provide a Postage paid envelopes to send certification payment. **MDARD will NOT accept payment the day of the session**

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2025 Regional Crop and Pest Management Updates

Learn about the latest recommendations for managing weeds, diseases, insects and nematodes from MSU Extension educators and specialists.

Jan 10—Bad Axe, Franklin Inn
Contact Huron County MSU Extension Office at 989-269-9949

Jan 15—Ithaca, Gratiot Isabella RESD
Contact Isabella County Extension at 989-317-4079

Feb 5—Dowagiac, Dowagiac Conservation Club
Contact the St Joseph MSU Extension Office at 269-467-5511

Feb 7-Frankenmuth, SVREC
Contact Saginaw County Extension Office at 989-907-6520

Feb 11—Alpena, Alpena Community College
Contact Isabella County Extension Office at 989-317-4079

Feb 20-Hillsdale, Hillsdale ISD
Contact Jackson County Extension Office at 517-788-4292

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For more information and to register visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2025CropPestUpdate/> or scan the QR code



Registration is \$40 and includes lunch and the 2025 Weed Control Guide for Field Crops

RUP and CCA credits will be available at each meeting.





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Open your home to a student with the 4-H International Exchange Program!

Michigan 4-H will have 10 Japanese youth and one chaperone arriving in 2025; we are looking for families interested in opening their homes and hearts by hosting these individuals. Consider sharing the clover this summer and giving a lucky Japanese youth and your family the experience of a lifetime by hosting!

The Japanese delegation is scheduled to arrive in Grand Rapids in mid-July and depart in mid-August, meeting host families for a 3.5-week stay. Online applications to host can be found at:

<https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>.

For more information, contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program Coordinator Jan Brinn at brinn@msu.edu.



MSU Extension launches 2025 Global Voices Essay Contest with MSU Global Youth Advancement Network

The Global Voices Essay Contest offers a platform for young people around the world to advocate for their communities and share their opinions and stories about local and national challenges. Michigan students in grades 9-12, and young adults ages 18-24, are invited to share their own stories, reflections and visions by writing and submitting a 600-900-word essay focused on community (defined as the rich tapestry of cultures, experiences and ideas that shape our state). Sub-themes for the essay contest include shared natural resources, heritage and home, bridges of unity, innovation for the future and other.

A panel of MSU, MSU Extension, and Michigan 4-H judges will review and select the winning essays, which will be published on the MSU Global Youth Advancement Network website and receive cash prizes!

The deadline for youth to submit their essay online is May 2. For more info please visit: <https://globalyouth.isp.msu.edu/programs-projects/global-voices/essay-contest/call-submissions-2/>

Michigan 4-H needs your input!

Michigan 4-H is conducting a survey to better understand the topics and educational approaches that best meet community needs. Your feedback will help us improve and enhance how Michigan 4-H serves families across the state.

Visit https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bqmeT5Dxtthvjca or scan the QR code to share your input and help shape the future of the Michigan 4-H program. If you have questions regarding this survey, please reach out to Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.

