



4-H Family News

June 2024

Kalamazoo County



2024 Fair Registration is open!

It's Easy!

1. <https://faireentry.com/>
2. Click "Find Your Fair" at the top
3. Search "Kalamazoo" on the keyword search or look where sorted by state.
4. "Sign in with 4-H online"

Follow the prompts to register for fair!



Find Fair Entry registration tips here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/fair-information

Registration closes on June 15th.

Any volunteers representing 4-H at the fair must have Gold or Silver VSP status by June 15th.

Learn more here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-volunteer-selection-process-vsp>

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Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Kalamazoo-County-4-H-Youth-Program-122047197873078>

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Do you need help with your child(rens) Fair Entries?

Log into one of the Zoom open office hours below and Veronica can help you with the enrollment process!

June 5, 2024

6:30 – 7:30

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93503850952>

Meeting ID: 935 0385 0952

Passcode: 212641



June 10, 2024

7:00 – 8:00

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99825533052>

Meeting ID: 998 2553 3052

Passcode: 804584



June 11, 2024

12:30 – 1:30

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/93758066184>

Meeting ID: 937 5806 6184

Passcode: 343713

June 13, 2024

12:30 – 1:30

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/98994946618>

Meeting ID: 989 9494 6618

Passcode: 237827

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https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/fair-information



**2024 Kalamazoo County Youth Fair
Camping Fees & Information
CAMPING RESERVATIONS**



The Kalamazoo County Parks & Expo Center will be handling all the camping reservations again this year.

Beginning on May 1, 2024, you must call to make your reservation directly with the Expo Center at 269-383-8778

- Camping Fees:** Weekly Rate - \$150.00 per week (8/5-8/11)
Reservations made after July 28 are \$180 per week
- Advance Reservation Fee:** One-time \$5.00 fee will be charged for all advance reservations
- Golf Carts:** All golf carts must be pre-registered. Golf cart permits are \$25 each. After July 28 fee is \$100. You must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license and provide proof of liability insurance to operate a golf cart on the grounds.

VEHICLE ADMISSION PASSES ARE REQUIRED FOR ANYONE CAMPING AT THE FAIR.

Passes are \$10. and covers your vehicle and the admission of everyone in the vehicle for the entire Fair.

- Septic Service:** A dump station with potable water is available on the grounds. On-site septic service will be available by pre-registration with your camping reservation for \$40 per dump. Dumps will be scheduled for Thursday, August 8.

**Deadline for Camping Registration
July 28, 2024**

**Campground check-in will take place from 9-6pm on Monday, August 5.
No early arrivals.**

Camping Information:

- Camping will be reserved by campground area at time of reservation (see map for campground areas) and specific site numbers will be emailed out approximately 1 week prior to arrival. We will try to accommodate special requests. All requests will be considered in order by date of reservation.
- Campers may not switch from assigned site number upon arrival. All reservations must be paid by credit card at the time of reservation. There is a non-refundable \$5 reservation fee for each campsite reserved. Most sites offer water and electric hook-up.
- Showers and handicapped-accessible restrooms are available.
- Cancellations will be accepted until July 28, 2024. Reservation fees are non-refundable. If you cancel your reservation by July 28, 2024 your refund will be the camping fees paid less a \$5 cancellation fee. No refunds are available for cancellations after July 28, 2024.



CONGRATULATIONS!

SHELBY

FOR TAKING 2ND PLACE IN THE
2024 4-H
CREATIVE CAMPAIGN CONTEST !

***Check out Shelby's
(and everyone's)
Why you should join 4-H
Videos Here:***

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-clovers-code/contest/why-you-should-join-4-h-contest-videos>




Join 4-H Shelby



Exploration days!



- June 15- All cancellations after this point are considered no show and refunds will not be given.
- **June 19-21- 4-H Exploration Days at Michigan State University**

WHO WILL BE FIRST TO
FIND MAYS  ICON!

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLE IS TO FIND THIS



HIDDEN IN THE NEWSLETTER !



Poultry Project News

I hope that all of your birds are growing well and that you are all prepared for more Ducklings and Chicks!!!

Make sure that you have your pick up dates on your calendars .

But, please call the Feedbag before you head out.

[\(269\) 629-9586](tel:(269)629-9586)

Lastly - Keep up the BIOSECURITY for your birds. Our area is in the pathway of TWO migratory routes, so we live in a risky area.

We are still waiting on final words on our poultry at fair guidelines

Next Poultry Pick up:

Market Duck – June 11

Broiler Chicken – June 18

Cornish Chicken – June 25

Please contact Cherie Gilfillan if you have any questions about poultry orders:
cheriegilfillan@gmail.com





Goat Project Updates

Our next goat meeting is
June 3rd at City Gate Church, 6:30.



Are you ready for fair?

Please review your goat project guidelines here: [Goat project guidelines](#)

Some highlights:

- **You must attend at least 2 meetings to show at the fair in August.**
 - The all-species meeting DOES count as one of those meetings if you attended.
 - YQCA does NOT count as a project meeting
 - The mandatory livestock meeting before fair does NOT count as a project meeting
- **ALL goats coming to the fairgrounds, whether being shown or not, must be identified and have required pictures turned in with the registration form **by 6/1/24**. The form can be found here: [Goat Registration Form](#)**
- Goats not identified are not eligible for exhibiting at fair and will not be allowed to be unloaded at the fairgrounds.

Forms, pictures, and any questions may be e-mailed to Crystal Sattler at knsattler@att.net or texted to 269-492-8750.

Remember:

Animals may not be shown in more than one 4-H sanctioned fair in a calendar year. But, MLE or other showcases not affiliated with MSU Extension 4-H are acceptable.

Date	Time	Purpose	Location
6/1/24	N/A	Registration paperwork and pictures for all animals who may be brought to the fair due*	e-mail: knsattler@att.net or text: 269-492-8750
6/3/24	6:30 p.m.	Education and team building	City Gate Church 308 West Milham Portage, MI, 49024
7/11/24	6:30 p.m.	Fit and Show	The Sattler House 2786 D Dr S East Leroy, MI 49051



Welcome to the Swine Project!

Our next swine project meeting is on

**Wednesday, May 29, at the
Kalamazoo County Expo Center at 6:30 pm.**



We will cover a few things at this meeting:

1. Swine project guidelines review/reminders
2. Learning activity: swine trivia
3. Hand out swine flu vaccine doses

Your second round of vaccines will be available for pick-up on
Wednesday, June 19 at the fairgrounds between 6:30-7:00 pm.

Mark your calendars !

We now have a date and location for our annual Swine "Fit & Show"
meeting. It will be held on

**Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 pm at the Sattler's house:
2786 D Drive S East Leroy, MI 49051.**

Thank you,

Pam Acker (cell – 517-930-1297)
TJ Gibson (cell – 269-903-9991)



Miniature Horses are Back!

This year we have the opportunity to welcome *miniature horses* back to the Kalamazoo County Fair!

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The minis will follow the same safety guidelines as the light horse projects.

We will offer monthly meetings focused on miniature horses.

Classes offered this year will include:

- showmanship,
- in hand trail,
- in hand jumping and
- costume class.



These will be on **Thursday** of the Fair, **August 8th** from 1-4 pm.

Classes are open to Cloverbud-Seniors!

If you are interested in showing a mini at the fair, please contact Julie Sheppard at jsheppard@shps.org.

The classes to sign up for are part of Fair Entry.

The mini registration link is: <https://forms.gle/hw5jC3SAoF67sUUZ7>

Minis will enter along with light horses for vet checks, with Coggins due on or before that time.

Look for our new Facebook page for additional information.

Educational projects are posters of choice.





Dairy Project News

Dairy Feeder Calf Project



A Reminder:

- 4-H dairy feeder steers can be born between January 1 to February 28.
- Cloverbud dairy feeder steers can be born from January 1 to March 31.
- Project requirements are posted on the Kalamazoo County 4-H webpage. https://www.canr.msu.edu/kalamazoo/kalamazoo_county_4_h_1/Project-Guidelines/animal-1

If you have questions, you can call or text either Greg or Sara

Remember, if your club has a bank account:

It is required by campus that you turn in your

- Bank Statements
- Treasurers Reports
- Meeting Minutes

to the 4-H office **every month**.

If you do not meet every month, please make sure we have your written meeting schedule so we can note the months to exclude.

Thank you!





Michigan 4-H

is looking for feedback from youth ages 13-18 regarding their experience in 4-H.



You will be receiving a survey and information in your email through **4-H Online**. Please take some time to help us improve Michigan 4-H and our county programs by completing the survey.

The survey can be accessed here:

https://4hcouncil.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aYsiWmYMmnZtAGi

or from the email you will receive.

For any questions, please contact Kathy Fischer at fisch226@msu.edu.





MSU Extension 4-H has an exciting new line up of **Adulthood 101** sessions coming up in 2024!

Join us monthly for free sessions to build life skills helpful in transitioning to "adulthood."

Learn more and sign up here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood-101-2024>

June Adulthood 101:
Traveling on a
Budget -
Thursday, June 6
at 6:30 p.m.



ADULTING 101

MANAGE AND
CONQUER REAL
LIFE SKILLS!

New Topics Monthly





2024 4-H International Exchange 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 21st to August 16th, 2024

How: A host family completes the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application and has a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age of incoming delegate), 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.

Other Resources:

- 1) [Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 2) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page](#)
- 3) [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](#) or email: exchange@states4h.org

Thank you very much to all our families who annually open their homes to create 4-H international experiences across the globe.



LABO Michigan Delegation 2023



Did you know that we have project leaders for the following projects?

- **Welding** – Dave Rutten
- **Archery** -Mike George
- **Food dehydration & food preservation** – Eileen Rutten
- **Photography** – Kim Berggren & Kristin Biehl
- **Maple syrup production** – Greg Baker
- **International studies (Japanese, French, German, Chinese)** – Justin Fragala
- **Fishing** – Kevin Thomason
- **Flower gardening/landscaping** – Landon Gilfillan, MSU Extension floriculture and greenhouse educator– Jeremy Jubenville
- **Crocheting** – Danielle Riemersma



If you are interested in any of these projects, please reach out to the 4-H staff. Volunteers need to have at least 2 youth presents to teach a session. When we have enough youth interested in participating in programs, we will share the contact information so the volunteers can set up some classes.

We are looking for gold level volunteers to either lead county wide projects or help with activities. If you are not a current gold level volunteer, you can start the process by completing the application at [Become a 4-H Volunteer \(msu.edu\)](https://msu.edu)

- **Cloverbud specific programs** (this could be gold level volunteers or teens with a volunteer or staff person)
- **Cake decorating**
- **Sewing**
- **Candy making**
- **First Aid and CPR certification** (this needs to be someone who can teach and offer the certification)
- **Shooting sports** (other than archery and needs to go through MSU Extensions certification)
- **Vet Science**
- **Wood working**
- **Cooking** (specifically at an after school program at Gull Lake Middle School)



If you have questions, please reach out to Veronica or Sam.



States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · Korea · Norway · Taiwan · Argentina



Costa Rica



Japan



Norway



South Korea



Argentina



Taiwan

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most visitors rarely get to see.

Program Details:

States' 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families* and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities.

*Exception: Argentina uses group accommodations on program

2024 Travel Dates*

Japan 8-week:	June 12—August 9, 2024
Costa Rica:	June 20—July 19, 2024
Argentina:	June 20—July 15, 2024
Norway:	June 20—July 20, 2022
Japan 4-week:	July 10—August 9, 2024
South Korea:	July 16—August 15, 2024
Taiwan:	July 16—August 15, 2024

*Program dates subject to slight change or modification

Eligibility:

4-H ages 12—18 for Japan 4-Week & Taiwan, 12—17 for Korea, and 15—18 for Costa Rica, Norway, Argentina, and Japan 8-Week

Program Information:

- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support.
- States' 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States' 4-H conducts group conference calls and a National Departure Orientation prior to international travel.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Application Deadline & Program Fees:

Contact your 4-H State Coordinator for deadlines and to apply. Please note that program details are subject to change.

For more information:

www.states4hexchange.org

QB@states4h.org

(206) 462-2200



<https://www.facebook.com/states4hexchange/>

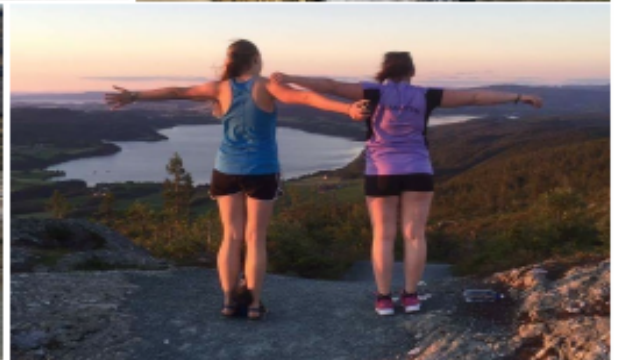
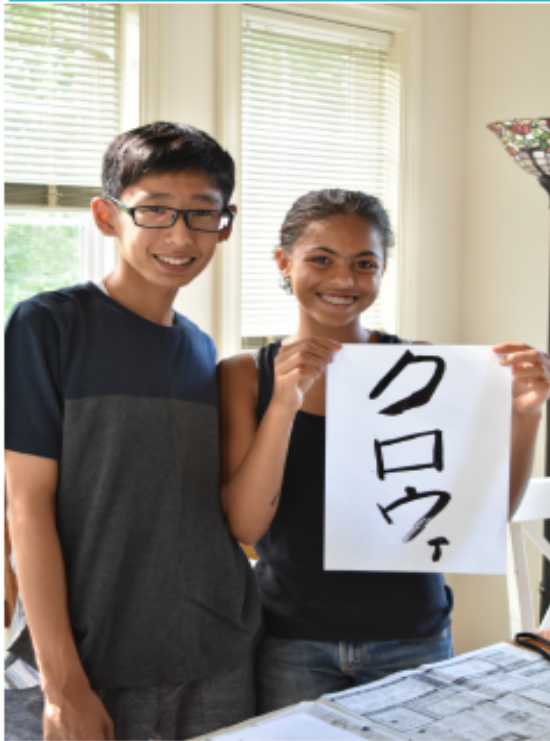


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2024 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

States' 4-H International's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.



Program Fees Include:

Welcome packet; overnight national departure orientation; arrival orientation in host country; portion of chaperone fee; Accident & Sickness Medical Insurance; in-country transportation, lodging, and meals while on-program; country-specific activities as determined by international partner organizations; overnight national departure debriefing upon return.

Program Policies:

- Program Cancellations:
 - * No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States' 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to \$150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:

Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?

A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak another language?

A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States' 4-H prepare me for my homestay?

A: States' 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States' 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.



Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct



The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by the Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Michigan 4-H program.

All 4-H youth participants must conduct themselves according to the following standards that apply to all Michigan 4-H programs, including virtual programs, and interactions such as social media and internet engagement:

- 1. Create a Welcoming Environment for All.** Encourage everyone to fully participate in 4-H. Recognize that all people have skills and talents that can help others and improve the community. Though we will not always agree, we must disagree respectfully. When we disagree, try to understand why. Our first priority is to create a safe, inclusive space for learning, sharing and collaboration that is welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Diversity includes, but is not limited to race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status or veteran status.
- 2. Bring Your Best Self.** Conduct yourself in a manner that reflects honesty, integrity, self-control, and self-direction. Accept the results and outcomes of 4-H activities and programs with grace and empathy for other participants. Accept the final opinions of judges and evaluators. Be open to new ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- 3. Obey the Law.** Obey the laws of the locality, state and nation and Michigan State University and Extension policies and guidelines. Commit no illegal acts. Do not possess, offer to others, or use alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco products, which include e-pens, e-pipes, e-hookah, e-cigars, JUULs, vapes, vape pens or other electronic nicotine delivery systems. Do not attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. Do not possess or use weapons or firearms except as expressly permitted as part of supervised 4-H shooting sports programming. This includes dangerous or unauthorized materials such as explosives or similar items.
- 4. Honor Diversity – Yours and Others'.** Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all persons with whom you interact as part of Michigan 4-H.
- 5. Create a Safe Environment.** Be kind and compassionate toward others. Be considerate and courteous of all persons and their property. Do not carelessly or intentionally harm or intimidate anyone in any way (verbally, mentally, physically, or emotionally). Do not insult, harass, or bully others or engage in other hostile behaviors, including sexual harassment, sexual assault or sexual abuse. Abstain from sexual behavior and intimate physical/sexual contact in either public or private situations at an MSU Extension youth 4-H activity or event.
- 6. Be a Team Player.** Work cooperatively with all individuals involved in 4-H programs and activities. Be responsive to the reasonable requests of the person in charge such as volunteers and staff. Respect the integrity of the group and the group's decisions.
- 7. Humane Treatment of Animals.** Treat animals humanely and provide appropriate animal care.
- 8. Participate Fully.** Participate in and contribute to planned programs, be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that fosters the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.

Have fun!



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register now for the Michigan 4-H State Dog Show!



The 2024 Michigan 4-H State Dog Show is now open for registration! This year's show will take place on August 10, at the Michigan State University Pavilion.

The show is open to enrolled Cloverbuds, and any Michigan 4-H'er age 8-19.

To register, visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2024StateDogShow/>.

Questions? Please reach out to Kat at Krollkat@msu.edu.

June 17: 4-H Beginner's Sewing Camp

Grand Rapids

4-H Sewing Camp for beginners. American Sewing Guild Sewing Camp for school aged youth 11-15 years of age.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beginner-s-sewing-camp

June 22: Missaukee County Sheep Clinic

Missaukee Agricultural Youth Show, Falmouth

Learn from Jenna Pohl Davis, an experienced sheep showman at the state and national level. Jenna will break down show day preparations, teaching advanced showmanship with tips and tricks. and giving a customized feed and nutrition plan for your lamb.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/sheep-clinic

June 25: Kayaking Days

Paddles & Pedals, Bellaire

Youth participants learn water safety, paddle techniques, navigation, and receive an introduction to stewardship of inland waterways. This free event is open to youth in Antrim, Otsego, Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Charlevoix counties.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2024-kayaking-days-presented-by-antrim-county-4-h

June 27: Digger Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Garden, East Lansing

Come to the garden and explore the world of diggers. Front-end loaders, dump trucks and back hoes – all of these tools help with projects both big and small in our communities.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/digger-day

June 27: Explore the Farm Through the Seasons Workshop Series: June Event

Schomaker Farms, Saginaw

Schomaker Farms and Saginaw 4-H are teaming up to offer a 12-month farm education learning series. Each month will offer a different learning topic and hands-on activity.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/explore-the-farm-through-the-seasons-workshop-seriesjune

June 29: 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl allows youth to put their dairy knowledge to the test! Please note the new date for 2024.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dairy-quiz-bowl





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest moves to a new date!

The Michigan 4-H and FFA State Livestock Judging Contest is returning this year at a new date! Participants can demonstrate their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills at this fun statewide contest. The day will include both individual and team competition with classes of beef cattle, Boer goats, sheep and swine.

Contest divisions include:

- 4-H Juniors - Ages 8-13 as of January 1
- 4-H Seniors - Ages 14-19 as of January 1
- FFA Junior High - Youth that recently completed seventh or eighth grade
- FFA High School – Youth that recently completed grades 9-12
- MLE - Ages 8-21 as of January 1 and not a member of 4-H or FFA
- Cloverbuds - Age 7 as of January 1, non-competitive

**4-H and
FFA
Livestock
Judging
State
Contest**

**Wednesday,
June 26**



MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY | Extension



Please note that the date of this contest is no longer in conjunction with Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE), however participation in the contest will still count as an educational experience for the Premier Stockman Award. Registration is due by June 10. Find registration information at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-and-ffa-state-livestock-judging-contest-2024. Contestants and coaches are responsible for reading and adhering to the rules.

2024 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2024, the following 14 4-H members from 12 counties were selected as the 2024 Mark of Excellence county winners.

- Heidi Barrington, St. Joseph County
- Jordan Davis, Berrien County
- Lauren Eichhorn, Menominee County
- Brooklyn Hetrick, Oakland County
- Ainsley Karvinen, Alger County
- Lorelai Kowalski, Oakland County
- Molly Lake, Gratiot County
- Alice Long, Washtenaw County
- Sophia Mason, Monroe County
- Ethan McLaughlin, Monroe County
- Natalie Milford Chippewa County
- Emma Rasch, Kent County
- Kylie Smith, Ionia County
- Sydney Specht, Saginaw County

Each recipient will receive a medal, and their winning essays will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

To learn more about the Michigan 4-H State Awards, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/Youth-Recognition/index.