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4-H Family News

Washtenaw County



4-H Exploration Days Male Chaperone Needed

4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program welcomes youth ages 12-19 to 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 need a male chaperone for this event! We are looking for adults ages 21+ years old who are already 4-H volunteers or willing to become a 4-H Volunteer to attend.

There will be no cost to attend but volunteers will need to arrive on campus on the morning of June 18th and stay until the afternoon of the 20th. Chaperones are responsible for supervising youth and helping with other assigned tasks at the event. All meals are provided and there is usually some free Dairy Store Ice Cream!

If you are interested, please contact Jenny Speyer, speyerje@msu.edu

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting

April 10th at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

4-H Ceramics Workshop

April 19th from 2-4 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Horse Association Meeting

April 22nd at 7 pm at the MSU Extension Office

Feeder, Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh In & Tagging

April 26th from 8-11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

Rabbit Workshop

April 26th at 1 pm at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds Building G

Still Projects Committee Meeting

April 29th at 6:30 pm on Zoom

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4-H Ceramics Workshop on Saturday April 19th at 2-4 pm



Join us on Saturday, April 19th from 2-4 pm at the MSU Extension Office, 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103 for a 4-H Ceramics Workshop where youth can paint 4-H branded ceramic items with [Little Gnome Studio](#). There will be a selection of different items to pick from including figurines, mugs, and other pieces. Youth will pick their items from this selection when they arrive. The cost of the items is \$22 a person and families can pay by cash or credit card to Little Gnome Studio when they arrive. We will have 2 hours to paint, but if families finish early, they can leave. The items will be fired and delivered back to the MSU Extension Office to pick up after the workshop.

This workshop is for youth 5-19 years old. Youth do not need to be previous 4-H members but must sign up for 4-H before they attend. Enrolling in 4-H is free! You can enroll online at 4-H Online or email or call Jenny Speyer at speyerje@msu.edu or 734-436-1362 for a paper enrollment form.

If we do not have more youth enrolled by April 11th, we will open this up to volunteers and parents to paint also.

Register Here: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dp1oI7Ov6xsYcXY

Rabbit Showmanship Clinic on April 26th at 1 pm in Building G

Are you interested in showing rabbits? Come to this rabbit showmanship clinic hosted by 4-H member Genevieve Peale and get a chance to practice and ask questions. We will also be making a grooming and first aid kit.

If participating in showmanship practice, bringing rabbits are highly recommended. There will be a group led demonstration at first, then individual practice to ask questions. Help with nail trimming will be available also.

[Sign up here](#)



Tribute Partner Program for Horse & Pony 4-H Members



Did you know that through Tribute's partner program the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association can receive funds? For every proof of purchase from any Tribute bag of horse feed the Washtenaw County 4-H Horse Association receives a quarter from

Tribute feeds. If you use Tribute Feed, please keep your proof of purchase and give them to the Horse Association or ask Connie Maynard for more details!



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4-H Horse Association T-Shirt Design Contest

The 4-H Horse Association will be running a 4-H Youth Show T-shirt design contest. We are looking for your awesome horse designs! Designs must be on a black background (Shirts will be black). Email your designs to washtenawhorseboard@gmail.com. The deadline to submit your designs is May 1st. Winners will receive a free t-shirt! T-Shirts will be for sale after the design contest!



Junior Livestock Cattle Hoof Trimming Event on May 3rd



Junior Livestock is once again organizing a cattle hoof trimming event on May 3rd at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. If you are interested in attending, please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/3ZcStRGMHjegSyvk6> so they can get numbers for the event.

The deadline to complete the survey is **April 26th**.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Kathy Grau, kgrau3437@aol.com or 734-353-0350 or Mary Hammer, hammerfarm89@aol.com or 734-216-7048.

Reminder: May 1st Forms Due for Horse & Pony Exhibitors

If you are planning to show a horse/pony at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show or at State 4-H Horse Events this year, you must declare your horse project by May 1. Exhibitors showing horses at the 4-H Youth Show are also asked to submit a registration fee which supports the cost of ribbons and other supplies, also due by May 1st. Our office is open from 8:30 – 3:30 pm. Horse leaders are encouraged to bring the completed forms to the Horse Association Meeting on April 22nd at 7 pm at the Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office. Stall requests must be presented at the Horse Association Meeting. **May 1st forms are almost done so keep an eye out for an email with them included.** If you have questions about these forms or horse projects, please contact Amy Harris, harr1976@msu.edu.





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Project RED Adult and Youth Volunteers Needed



Project RED (Rural Education Days) will again be held from Tuesday April 22 to Thursday, April 24th at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Set up will take place on the afternoon/evening of April 22nd. The Washtenaw County MSU Extension 4-H Program, the Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee and the Washtenaw Farm Council sponsor this program filled with educational experiences for 3rd grade students. Volunteers are needed for animal exhibits, group leaders, commodity displays, and other educational exhibits. We welcome adults and youth for these volunteer opportunities and can provide a letter to a school for youth volunteering. You do not need previous experience to volunteer at this event. Don't miss out on a chance to help with this wonderful community event!

Sign up now at: <https://forms.gle/uc1QCtnqUGZifYao6>

Sign Up For YQCA Training on April 30th at 6:30 pm or Online

All market beef and swine exhibitors are required to have an updated YQCA certification before marketing animals at the 4-H Youth Show auction. This certification can be obtained by participating in an online or in-person training.



Thanks to a grant from Bayer, this training is provided free of charge to Washtenaw 4-H exhibitors. Please follow the steps below to complete a certification.

1. Contact the MSU Extension Office (734-997-1678 or email cousin40@msu.edu) to obtain a coupon code (optional) to receive the training for free- you will need to specify if you need an online or in-person code.
2. Register through www.yqcaprogram.org – this step is required whether you attend in-person or online!
3. Sign up for your in-person training on the site and/or complete the online training. The March and April dates will be listed in the YQCA system for in-person training options.
4. Be sure to complete the pre-test before you attend an in-person training.
5. **If you want to complete an online YQCA training, you MUST wait until a year has lapsed on your previous training. If it is too close to the Youth Show, we recommend taking an in-person training. You do NOT have to wait a year to take an in-person training.**

We are offering one opportunity for in-person training at the Washtenaw MSU Extension Office but the date and time have not been scheduled yet. Washtenaw exhibitors are also welcome to attend YQCA trainings in neighboring counties. Those opportunities will be shared as they become available.

Need help registering? Check out the [YQCA Help Page](#) to help walk you through the registration process.



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Weigh In and Tagging on April 26th from 8-11 AM

Weigh in and tagging for feeders, market goats, sheep, and swine to be exhibited at the Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show will be held on April 26th from 8 am – 11 am at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds. Questions? Contact Amy Harris, harr1976@msu.edu.



Here are a few reminders about weigh-in/tagging rules:

- ALL cattle must have an RFID tag in their ear before they are transported. If you don't have the ability to tag the animal at home, please bring the RFID tag and tagger with you and we will get it in the ear at tagging.
- Animals MUST be tagged in at the spring weigh-in in order to be shown at the 4-H Youth Show.
- All males must be castrated before tagging
- All sheep and goats must have a Scrapies tag or tattoo in order to exhibit at the 4-H Youth Show
- Exhibitors wishing to exhibit in the commercial lamb class must provide a receipt of purchase at weigh in that is within the current market range for feeder lambs for market.
- Lambs cannot exceed 110 pounds at the spring weigh-in
- All market hogs must be tagged at the spring weigh-in, but they will NOT be weighed. Hogs are not allowed to leave the trailer.

Swine Tagging Information for Washtenaw County 4-H Youth Show Participants

All Swine being shown at exhibitions, including fairs, jackpot shows and other events are required by state law to have an official ID in place. **As the exhibitor you are responsible for having the correct ID. The 4-H office has provided these tags in the past. We do not have any more of these tags, you will be responsible for obtaining the correct ID for your hogs this year.**

The official ID types are as follows: 840 tags or Premise Identification Number or PIN tags.

To obtain official identification: Obtain a Premise Identification Number (PIN) of the farm premises where the pigs are housed. Call MDARD at 888-565-8626.

Purchase official ID tags from the following locations (must provide PIN upon purchase)

United Producers, INC
9534 Chelsea -Manchester Rd.
Manchester, MI 48158
734-428-8352

Napoleon Livestock Commission Company
6810 W Brooklyn Rd.
Napoleon, MI 49261
517-536-4201

840 Tags
(This is one example.
See next page for more)



PIN Tags





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Congratulations to the Washtenaw County 4-H Hippology Team

The 2025 State Hippology contest took place at MSU's Anthony Hall on March 15th, with almost 100 participants from roughly 12 counties. Washtenaw County had the largest team participating with 16 members (ages 8-18), including 4 in the "Novice" category, which means they've never been to Hippology before (or were a previous Cloverbud). We are proud to announce that our Senior team comprised of Julia Lorch, Alison Oakman, Alex White, and Siena Paskvan came in 1st place overall in the senior division and qualified for Nationals in Kentucky later this year (pictured to the right)! This is our second year in a row to achieve this honor. The participants tested their horse knowledge with a picture slide test, a written test, video horse judging, individual skills tests, and a team problem solving section. We represented Washtenaw County with pride and took home many ribbons, trophies, medals, prizes, and smiles.



Senior Team is pictured in the top photo to right. The Junior team in the bottom photo to the right.

Individuals - Overall High Point

- 8th place overall: Annikah Stalhandske (Sr Novice), Bella Nazzaro (Jr)
- 7th place overall: Julia Lorch (Sr)
- 5th place overall: Leah May (Jr Novice)
- 3rd place overall: Alison Oakman (Sr), Katie Ashman (Jr)



Teams - Overall High Point

- Grand Champions and National Qualifiers, Senior Division: Julia Lorch, Alison Oakman, Alex White, Siena Paskvan
- 4th Place, Senior Division: Aamenah Jamil, Bethany Pyle, Maria Perrier, Mackley Griffis
- Reserve Champion, Junior Division: Katie Ashman, Bella Nazzaro, Dallis Rasthabanh, Izzy Kharsa
- 4th place, Junior Novice Division: Gigi Mouhajer, Leah May, Caroline Cesarz



The Washtenaw County Hippology team was coached by Angela Oakman (Hooves and Paws 4-H Club), with lots of parent support. Teams form in early January and get together for multiple (optional) study sessions for all county participants. We'd love to see more 4H'ers join in the fun next year! If interested, please contact Angela Oakman at angela_oakman@yahoo.com.



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.

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

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
- **7 p.m. session:** 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

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

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

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





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/.



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/.

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.





April 2025



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10  7pm - Livestock & Dairy Committee Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19  2- 4 pm - 4-H Ceramics Workshop
20 	21 4 pm - Project RED Set Up	22  7 pm - Horse Association Meeting	23	24	25	26 8-11 am Weigh-In Tagging 1 pm Rabbit Showmanship Clinic 
27	28	29  6:30 pm - Still Projects Committee Meeting Rescheduled	30  6:30 pm - YQCA In Person Training	1 May 1 st Forms Due for Horse & Pony 		

Have a club event you want to highlight? Send it to Jenny and we will try our best to add it here!