



OCTOBER 2026

4-H Family News

Tuscola County



Happy October- fall is here!

It is that time of year again! Please make sure that all 4-H members and volunteers head back into v2.4honline.com to re-enroll into 4-H **by January 4th**. I will continue to send emails to all 4-H members that are currently enrolled but will stop on January 4th. **We are looking for members to form a youth council!** Please email hechtrea@msu.edu if you are interested!

If 4honline is a challenge for you to access to re-enroll please email hechtrea@msu.edu or call the office at 989-672-3870. We would love to set up a time for you to come use a laptop OR we can mail you a paper re-enrollment form to drop off, email, or mail back to us.

Help us choose our new background picture for our 4-H Facebook profile! Email your pictures to hechtrea@msu.edu or drop them in the comments, and I will post them Sunday, October 4th- the first day of National 4-H Week. Your job is to like the picture you like the best until Sunday, October 10th! The picture with the most likes will be our background picture until Oct. 2027!

The **Caro Pumpkin festival** is approaching! The **parade will be Sunday, October 4th with lineup at 12:30 p.m. and the parade beginning at 1:30 p.m.** If you would like to register to walk with the 4-H entry in the parade, please use the google form below: <https://forms.gle/4eNuAnnQZqxRKbUx6>

The **4-H Banquet** will be on Sunday, October 18th from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Brentwood. You **MUST** RSVP to attend. Please follow the Google form to RSVP by October 9th. <https://forms.gle/6tXiDkqd8VYUnZQp7>

4-H Award Nominations are due Friday, October 2nd ! Feel free to self-nominate or start nominating others with this Google Doc link: <https://forms.gle/az9uCApExjHu3JYY9>

Horse families! Please take some time to complete this survey regarding a potential event for 2027: <https://forms.gle/rWQ7G2YcQ8KYVWbo7>

If you would like to nominate a 4-H member, club, or volunteer to receive an **award at the 4-H Banquet**, please submit them here: <https://forms.gle/o6RcXtBS8Tzkc5K56>

Upcoming Scholarship Opportunities: <https://mi4hfdtn.org/grants-scholarships/4-h-scholarship-application/>

<https://www.ffa.org/participate/grants-and-scholarships/scholarships/>

2026 MAFE Scholarship Application

<https://miagbiz.org/resources/educational-trust/> Due Oct. 1

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TUSCOLA COUNTY 4-H EVENT

The Tuscola 4-H Council invites all our 4-H members, leaders, families, and volunteers to our Banquet on Sunday, October 18th from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Brentwood. There we will hand out awards, enjoy a light dinner, and go bowling!

Please submit award nominations here: <https://forms.gle/uusvpaVwoJ2RckAb8>

You MUST RSVP to attend here: <https://forms.gle/ewPwpDTaTP6yfXYZA>

Tuscola 4-H Council
Invites you!

2026 4-H Banquet and Bowling
MUST RSVP to attend

JOIN US AT THE
BRENTWOOD FOR AWARDS,
LIGHT DINNER, AND
BOWLING!

OCTOBER 18TH | 1:30-4 P.M.
178 PARK DR.
CARO, MI 48723

BANQUET RSVP
link



Award Nomination
link





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Tuscola Committee News and Meeting Dates

Please visit the Tuscola County 4-H website for information and resources pertaining to specific project areas, committees and scholarships <https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4h/>.

Fair forms and resources can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola_county_fair. On this webpage, you will be able to find tagging sheets, record books, animal project forms, rule books and resources.

Large Livestock

Meeting Dates:

- November 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in room 403: **By-law proposals from the September meeting will be voted on at the November meeting. These were emailed out in 4honline on 9-29-26. If you need a copy, please email hechtrea@msu.edu**
- February 9, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in the Commons
- April 6, 2027, at 6:30 p.m. in the Tuscola Technology center in the Commons

Fairground Set-up: June 26, 2027, from 10- noon at the Tuscola County Fair grounds

Rate of Gain:

- **Fat steer** photos DUE: Friday, February 26, 2027, by 4:30 p.m.
- Weigh In: Saturday, March 6, 2027, at 9-10 a.m. at Marlette Livestock Auction facility (must be there if participating in Rate of Gain for market steers/market heifers)

Swine, Sheep, and Feeder tagging deadline: May 21, 2027

Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95575258091> **Passcode:** Large

- If you are planning to show a market Livestock project, it is mandatory that you or an immediate family member attends one meeting from September 2026 –July 2027 and submit an educational tracking sheet to the MSU Extension office. Listed on that sheet you must have the educational requirement you participated in, and the meeting date attended. This is due by the fair paperwork deadline next year, date TBD.
- **If you are selling a fat steer or feeder** you must complete and submit your certificate of YQCA or BQA- **feedlot only, date TBD**. All other livestock species that are exhibiting market animals **must** complete an educational requirement of: YQCA, BQA- **feedlot only**, attend an educational clinic, participate in a jackpot show, be involved in an FFA class, or attend Ag Career night in March (grades 7-12th only). **Watching educational videos does not qualify as an educational requirement.**

* *Please read the, "Tuscola County 4-H/FFA Large Livestock Handbook" for any rule clarification or guidelines located on our website down the page under "Large livestock handbook" https://www.canr.msu.edu/tuscola/4-h/tuscola_county_fair*

Youth Council

Meeting Date: November 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the Tuscola MSU Extension office. 4-H youth ages 10 (as of Jan 1, 2027) are welcome to attend and join the committee!



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4-H Council

Meeting Date: October 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Extension Office

Elections will be held during this meeting, applications available upon request.

The meeting will be held in person at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office. If you are unable to attend in person a zoom is available, but it can be difficult to participate in the meeting virtually.

Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97970674071> **Passcode: Council**

Horse Leaders

Meeting Date: Thursday, October 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Dates to remember:

- Equine connection weekend: Feb 5-7, 2027
- MI 4-H Horse and Teen leader conference: Feb 19-21, 2027
- State 4-H Horse Bowl: Mar. 20, 2027
- Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse show: April 16, 2027
- Mi 4-H & FFA State Horse Judging Contest: April 17, 2027
- MI 4-H & FFA State Hippology Contest
- Michigan 4-H State Horse Show: August 2027

The meeting will be held in person at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office. If you are unable to attend in person a zoom is available, but it can be difficult to participate in the meeting virtually

Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/93683812138> **Passcode: Horse**

Small Livestock

Meeting Date:

- October 12th at 6 p.m. in the MSU Extension Office
- November 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the MSU Extension Office

Zoom Link: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/94789150224> **Passcode: Small**

Small livestock market project expectations:

To be able to market your small livestock project you must complete these requirements:

1-Complete one Educational requirement by the Fair paperwork deadline, TBD, and fill out the Educational requirement tracking form to submit by the paperwork deadline, TBD, to the MSU Extension office i.e., YQCA certificate, attend a show for small livestock, attend a small livestock clinic.

2- Attend one of the two offered mandatory meetings TBD

3- Complete **all** fair duties listed below to be able to exhibit at the Tuscola County Fair-

Empty the barn-July 17, 2027, at 9 a.m.

Barn set up- July 21, 2027, at 5 p.m.

Barn duty- each family takes at least 1, up to two shifts for each small livestock species exhibited. Sign up will be located in the small livestock barn on the table

Auction set-up- set up chairs in the large livestock arena on Thursday night, following the feeder show, at 6:30 p.m.: July 29, 2027

Barn clean-up, Sunday morning at 5 a.m. in the small livestock barn: August 1, 2027



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Club AFSR paperwork Due	Oct. 1 st
4-H Award nominations due	Oct. 2 nd
Caro Pumpkin Parade	Oct. 4 th
National 4-H Week	Oct 4-10 th
4-H Banquet RSVP deadline	Oct. 9 th
Caro Parks and Rec; "Harvest on the River"	Oct. 10 th
Small Livestock Meeting	Oct. 12 th
Origami Day	Oct. 13 th
4-H Animal Science Sportsman Nominations due	Oct. 15 th
4-H Banquet	Oct. 18 th
Tuscola MSU Extension Office Closed	Oct. 20-22 nd
4-H Council Meeting	Oct. 26 th
SPIN: Stem Lab	Oct 26- Nov. 16 th
Horse Leaders Committee meeting	Oct. 29 th
Youth Council meeting	Nov. 9 th
Small Livestock Meeting	Nov. 9 th
Thanksgiving Crafts	Nov. 14 th
Tuscola MSU Extension Office Closed	Nov. 26-27 th
Holiday Cookie Decorating	Dec. 11 th
Tuscola MSU Extension Office Closed	Dec. 24- Jan. 1 st
4-H Re-enrollment deadline	Jan. 4th
Spark and Share Summitt	March 13 th





Tuscola 4-H Upcoming Programs

Origami Day

ORIGAMI DAY

Let's get folding! Kids will learn easy origami techniques and create fun paper animals, shapes, and more.

Come see what you can make with just a piece of paper!

Tuesday
October 13th
5:30pm-6:30pm

MSU extension office
362 Green st. Caro MI
48723

sign up in google form

IF ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT MADISON AT THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE AT MORR1063@MSU.EDU OR 989-672-3827

MSU EXTENSION PROGRAMS AND MATERIALS ARE OPEN TO ALL WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, GENDER, GENDER IDENTITY, RELIGION, AGE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, DISABILITY, POLITICAL BELIEFS, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, MARITAL STATUS, FAMILY STATUS OR VETERAN STATUS.

Sign up with this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdubGNmyzL8cN4JmQ_bz-vYoDEVIO_EMor5k2eKuCsQGQAKDg/viewform

OR the QR code

SPIN: STEM Lab

Sign up with this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmVXWACQoE8Az1nrEghhi4gufSn2s-MHdfUaULcuWu4JeoRw/viewform?usp=send_form

OR the QR code

SPIN:STEM Lab

- ★ make bouncy balls, stretchy slime, erupting volcanoes, and more!
- ★ Hands on STEM
- ★ Explore science through exciting experiments

Sign up with the google form!

Monday's
Oct. 26th- Nov. 16th
4:30pm-5:30pm

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Tuscola 4-H Upcoming Programs

Tuscola Programs Continued



Register with this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeKAZH9vtz4eeXPUyJz-jo9b8GD9yybyjJIVD9e6UpjE3JvXg/viewform>

OR

Use the QR Code



Register with this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfeafdPLyCAtbOc6YpWFWvkjoT7fBXtX5CB2ynEfg0S-ozNS_A/viewform

OR

use the QR code



STATEWIDE 4-H EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest



The Tuscola 4-H Council will reimburse those who would like to attend this event! Submit your receipt after registering, to hechtrea@msu.edu

Animal science meets fall fun! Join Michigan 4-H for the all-new 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest on October 31. Designed by teens, for teens, this program is packed with hands-on sessions, career exploration opportunities, fall fun, and more!

Registration is now open and will close on October 15th. You can find the full details here:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../4-h-animal-science-fall-fest...>

2027 International exchange “outbound” program!



GO GLOBAL THIS SUMMER!! For Summer 2027 Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs is offering youth ages 12-18 the opportunity of a lifetime spending the summer with a host family.

States' 4-H International Outbound (OB), we will be offering both Japan programs (4 & 8-Week), as well as Taiwan, South Korea, Costa Rica, and Norway. Discover new traditions, experience authentic culture, and make lifelong friends. Applications are now open for summer 2027!

Michigan 4-H Deadline to apply: December 1, 2026

Learn more & apply: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/international.../traveling-outbound/>

States 4-H website: <https://states4h.org/>

Questions? Janis Brinn brinn@msu.edu



STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready: Building leadership skills through 4-H



Beyond Ready

4-H provides youth with opportunities to develop leadership skills in meaningful and age-appropriate ways. Whether leading a club activity, serving as an officer, mentoring younger members, or helping plan an event, youth practice communication, teamwork, decision-making and responsibility.

Volunteers can support leadership development by encouraging youth voice, sharing responsibilities and creating opportunities for members to take ownership of their learning. Every leadership experience helps young people build confidence and prepares them to contribute in school, work and their communities.

How are you helping youth grow as leaders this year?

#BeyondReady

October 3: 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-2026

October 4-10: 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 in various ways including Go Green Monday, Wheels Up Wednesday, Thankful Thursday and Stay Connected Saturday!

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

October 7: Adulting 101—Mental Health Toolkit: Everyday Skills and Resources to Help Care for Your Mental Health

Online

This Adulting 101 session will equip participants with practical tools to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-extension-adulting-101-mental-health-toolkit-everyday-skills-and-resources-to-help-care-for-your-mental-health

October 27: 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Infusing Positive Youth Development into Your 4-H club

Online

Explore simple strategies that foster belonging, build developmental relationships, encourage youth voice, and create engaging experiences where young people can develop confidence, competence, character and caring.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-infusing-positive-youth-development-into-your-4-h-club

October 31: 4-H Animal Science Fall Fest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth will have the chance to learn about a variety of animal science topics, disciplines and careers from industry experts and Department of Animal Science staff. Open to youth ages 12-19. **Register by October 15!**

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-animal-science-fall-fest-2026





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Nominate a deserving 4-H'er for Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year!

Do you know someone who displayed extraordinary sportsmanship at a recent 4-H animal science program? Perhaps at a club meeting, clinic or the county fair? Nominate them for the 2026 Michigan 4-H Animal Science Sportsperson of the Year Award!

This annual award recognizes one youth member and one adult 4-H leader who exemplify the definition of sportsmanship and have gone above and beyond to lend a helping hand to those around them during animal science programs. Nominations are due **October 15**. You can find full details, including the nomination form, at: www.canr.msu.edu/resources/competitive_event_resources.



Join the 4-H Future Squad!

Ready to level up your future? Youth ages age 12–19 are invited to join the 4-H Future Squad, a virtual 4-H club focused on life skills, career readiness, financial literacy, Adulthood 101 topics and more.

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 sixth 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 2026 through May 2027, 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.

Meeting dates will take place on a variety of days of the week; dates and times will be communicated via email and on the program website. Youth can attend as many of these dates as they wish. 4-H Future Squad can be a primary or secondary club. Learn more and complete the interest form at: www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-future-squad/.

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.

