



4-H Family News

JULY 2026

Grand Traverse County



COMMUNITY FOCUS

Summer is in full swing, and there is so much happening across Grand Traverse County 4-H! We are excited to share updates, celebrate accomplishments, and keep you informed about important upcoming deadlines. As a reminder, the MSU Extension office has officially moved to its new location at **400 Webster St.** We look forward to welcoming members, volunteers, and families to our new space as we continue supporting the amazing work of our 4-H community.

One highlight of the summer so far has been **4-H Exploration Days** on the Michigan State University campus. Our youth had an incredible opportunity to learn new skills, meet fellow 4-H members from across the state, and experience college life firsthand. From hands-on workshops to leadership activities and lasting friendships, Exploration Days was a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this year's event such a memorable experience!

As we look ahead to fair season, we want to remind all 4-H auction participants that **W-9 tax forms are due by July 15.** Submitting your completed W-9 on time helps ensure auction proceeds are processed efficiently and in compliance with IRS requirements. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Grand Traverse County MSU Extension office.

We want to say a big thank you to the Leaders Association and Grand Traverse Area Spartans for providing scholarship support. And thank YOU for being part of our outstanding 4-H program as we wish everyone a fun, safe, and successful summer!

Sincerely,

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IMPORTANT DATES

LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING | 7/6 | 6:30PM | FAIRGROUNDS

LEADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING | 7/15 | 6:30PM | 400 WEBSTER
(MSU EXTENSION OFFICE)

W9 TAX INFO DUE | 7/15 | 11:59PM | ONLINE OR MSU EXTENSION
OFFICE

4-H FAMILY GATHERING | 9/13 | TBD | BANCROFT FARM

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FINAL - 2026 4-H FAIR SCHEDULE – 6/16/2026

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, August 5 -7, 2026

4:00pm – 9:00pm Campsite Set Up & Pen Decorations

Thursday & Friday August 6 & August 7th

12:00pm – 9:00pm Exhibit Building Set Up – Still Project Drop Off (Saturday 10am – 2pm)

Saturday, August 8

<u>Species</u>	<u>Check-In</u>	<u>Enter Gate</u>	<u>Weigh-In</u>	<u>Barn Meeting</u>
Swine	6:00am – 9:00 am	4	Upon Arrival	6:30pm (Haberlein)
Steer/Heifer/Dairy Beef	7:00am – 10:00am	4	12:00pm	6:00pm (Wash Rack)
Dairy Feeder	7:00am – 10:00am	4	12:45pm	5:00pm (Wash Rack)
Jr Beef	7:00am – 10:00am	4	1:00pm	4:30pm
Lamb	10:00am – 12:00pm	4	1:00pm (Lamb Barn)	3:00pm
Goat	10:00am – 12:00pm	4	1:30pm (Lamb Barn)	3:30pm (Rosa Arena)
Rabbit/Cavy	10:00am – 2:00pm	4	Upon Arrival	3:00pm
Poultry	10:00am – 2:00pm	4	Upon Arrival	4:00pm
Llama/Alpaca	11:00am – 1:00pm	4	-----	5:00pm
Horse	12:00pm – 3:00pm	4 (Drop in Pits)	-----	5:30pm

10:00am – 2:00pm Exhibit Building Set Up

4:00pm – 6:00pm Exhibit Barn Judging

6:00pm – 8:00pm BARNs CLOSED

6:00pm – 7:30pm 4-H & Sibling Wristbands (Outside of Grandstands)

7:30pm **MANDATORY** Meeting for 4-H Members, Leaders, & Parents – Grandstands

8:30pm Pizza Party – Greenspace Tent– Sponsored by the Northwestern Michigan Fair

Sunday, August 9

7:30am Leaders' Meeting – Rosa Arena
 8:00am Large Beef /Dairy Beef Handling Practice (**MANDATORY**) – Haberlein Arena
 9:00am – 11:00am Jr Beef & Dairy Feeder Handling Practice – Haberlein Arena
 9:00am Open Goat, Breed, Showmanship, Pack, Pee Wee – Rosa Arena
 9:00 am – 12pm 4-H Still Exhibit Judging – Tanner Building
 10:00am 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship – Greenspace Tent
 Draft Horse Team, Wagon – Horse Arena
 DA Swine Show – Swine Barn
 4-H Cloverbud Swine Show – Haberlein Arena
 11:00am Swine Practice (*see posted schedule*) – Haberlein Arena
 12:00am – 7:00pm 4-H Dog Agility, Rally Obedience, Obedience & Showmanship – Outside Rosa Arena
 12:00pm Lamb Practice – Rosa Arena
 2:00pm 4-H My Goat & Me Interviews – Goat Barn
 4:00pm Large Beef / Dairy Beef Handling Practice (**MANDATORY**) – Haberlein Arena
 7:00pm 4-H Glow Party lead by Teen Reps – Greenspace Tent
 8:00pm

Monday, August 10

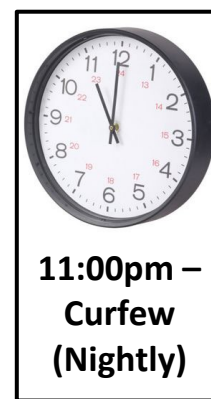
7:30am Leaders' Meeting – Rosa Arena
 8:00am Open Swine Show - Haberlein
 8:30am 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl Market – Poultry Barn
 4-H Horse Halter, Showmanship, Pole Bending, Keyhole, Speed & Action, Costume, Hobby Horse, & Horse Skillathon – Horse Arena
 9:00am 4-H Breed Cavies, 4-H Market & Breed Rabbits, Pet, Open Breed Cavies & Rabbits, Poster Contest – Rabbit Barn
 4-H Swine Showmanship – Haberlein Arena
 4-H Large Beef Handling Practice – Wash Rack
 9:00am 4-H Differently-Abled Program Show – Greenspace Tent
 11:00am – 3:00pm Exhibit Area Interviews – Tanner Building
 1:00pm 4-H Swine Market – Haberlein (Exact time TBD by the Judge)
 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl Showmanship – Greenspace Tent
 4-H Lamb Market – Rosa Arena
 2:00pm – 4:00pm Cloverbud Activities – Tanner Building
 4:00pm – 6:00pm Dairy Feeder & Jr Beef Handling Practice – Horse Arena
 Horse ONLY Washing/Grooming Time – Calf Wash Rack
 Open Lamb Showmanship & Breed – Rosa Arena
 4:30pm

Tuesday, August 11

7:30am Leaders' Meeting – Rosa Arena
 8:00am Open Heifer, Cow, Cow/Calf, Bull, Bred & Owned – Haberlein Arena
 Open Dairy Feeder, Jr Beef, & Large Beef Showmanship – Haberlein Arena
 Following Open Cattle Shows - 4-H Dairy Feeder, Jr Beef, Large Dairy Beef, Large Beef **Market** – Haberlein Arena
 8:30am 4-H Horse English Equitation, English Pleasure, Dressage, & Trail – Horse Arena
 9:00am 4-H Goat Showmanship, Market, Breed, Pack, Draft (Clover Buds to Follow)– Rosa Arena
 9:00am – 1:00pm 4-H Blood Drive – Front Gate
 2:00pm – 4:00pm Cloverbud Activities – Tanner Building
 3:00pm 4-H Lamb Showmanship (Clover Buds to Follow)– Rosa Arena
 6:00pm 4-H & Open Llama/Alpaca Showmanship & Halter Class – Rosa Arena

Wednesday, August 12

7:30am Leaders' Meeting – Rosa Arena
 8:00 am – 10:00 am 4-H Photos for Rabbit & Poultry – Rosa Arena
 Photos are \$12.00 for Non-Market Animals, Paid at Time of Photo
 8:00am 4-H Photos for Swine (**Do NOT feed pigs until after photos**)
 Photos are \$12.00 for Cloverbuds, Paid at Time of Photo



8:30am 4-H Horse Western Horsemanship, Western Pleasure, Ranch Riding, Reining, Western Riding, Indiana Flag Race, Cloverleaf – Horse Arena
 9:00am 4-H Large Beef Showmanship, 4-H Large Dairy Beef, Dairy Feeder (Cloverbuds to follow), Jr Beef (Cloverbuds to follow) – Haberlein Arena
 10:00am – 12:00pm 4-H Photos for Goat & Lamb– Rosa Arena
 Photos are \$12.00 for Non-Market Animals, Paid at Time of Photo
 1:00pm 4-H Rabbit Skillathon – Rabbit Barn
 2:00pm 4-H Goat Talent & Costume Show & Parade – Rosa Arena
 Open Goat Fun Class – Rosa Arena
 2:00pm – 4:00pm Cloverbud Activities – Tanner Building
 4:00pm 4-H & Open Llama/Alpaca Costume Class, Obstacle Course & Pack – Rosa Arena
 4:00pm – 7:00pm 4-H Auction Buyer Pre-Registration
 8:00pm 4-H Goat Run – Meet at Goat Barn / 4-H Lamb Run – Meet at Lamb Barn

Thursday, August 13

8:00am 4-H Auction Buyer Registration
 9:00am 4-H Large Animal Auction – Haberlein Arena
 (Swine, Large Beef, Large Dairy Beef, Dairy Feeders, Jr Beef)
 4-H Photos for Cattle – Taken upon exit of auction ring
 10:00am 4-H Small Animal Auction – Rosa Arena
 (Goats, Rabbits, Turkeys, Production Pullets, Meat Chickens, Cornish Hens, Ducks, Geese, Lambs)
 11:00am – 2:00pm Buyers' Luncheon – Greenspace Tent
 2:00pm – 4:00pm Cloverbud Activities – Tanner Building
 4:00pm – 6:00pm Horse ONLY Washing/Grooming Time – Calf Wash Rack
 8:00pm 4-H Goat Run – Meet at Goat Barn/ 4-H Lamb Run – Meet at Lamb Barn
 8:30 pm 4-H Movie Night – Teen Rep Activity in Greenspace Tent

Friday, August 14

7:30am Leaders' Meeting – Rosa Arena
 8:00 am 4-H Still Exhibit Auction – Rosa Arena
 9:00am – 3:30pm 4-H Blood Drive – Outside Jr Beef Barn
 8:30am Open Horse Show
 9:00am 4-H Poultry, Rabbits & Cavy Cloverbud Showmanship – Greenspace Tent
 10:00am – 1:00pm 4-H Fast Cat – Haberlein Arena
 12:00pm – 5:00pm Reduced Rates on Carnival Rides for 4-H Members
 1:00pm 4-H Fun Classes – Haberlein Arena, Rabbit Fun Classes & Agility – Rabbit Barn
 4:00pm 4-H Grand Champion Showmanship Showdown – Haberlein Arena
 6:00 pm Calf Give A Way – Haberlein Arena (Parents Must be Present)
 7:00pm – 11:00pm ALL 4-H Dance – Rosa Arena - 11:00pm – 12:00am Adult Only Dance – Rosa Arena
 7:30pm – 9:00pm 4-H Differently-Abled Party – Greenspace Tent
 8:00pm 4-H Goat Run – Meet at Goat Barn / 4-H Lamb Run Meet at Lamb Barn

Saturday, August 15

9:00am 4-H Awards Program, Celebration of Champions, Senior Recognition – Rosa Arena
 12:00pm – 11:00pm Reduced Rates on Carnival Rides for 4-H Members
 2:00pm Fair Queen Pageant – Rosa Arena
 1:00pm 4-H Fun Classes – Haberlein Arena
 4:00pm 4-H Fun Saturday Games – Haberlein Arena
 4-H Cloverbud Games – Greenspace Tent
 8:00pm 4-H Goat Run – Meet at Goat Barn/ 4-H Lamb Run – Meet at Lamb Barn

Sunday, August 16

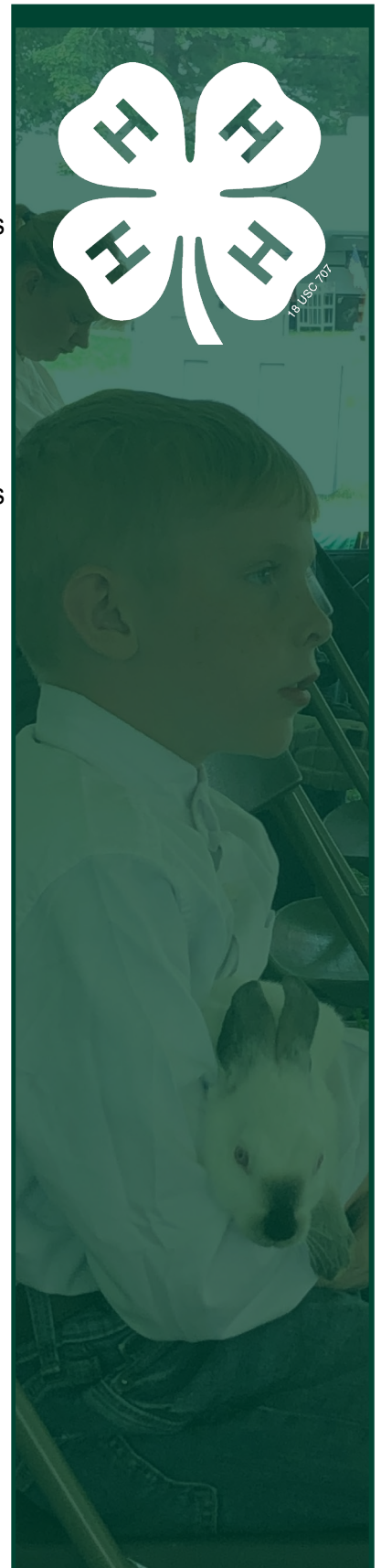
5:45am Earliest Animals Can Leave the Fairgrounds (Leave White Pen Cards Up Until Your Animal Is Loaded)
 7:00am – 12:00pm Poultry & Rabbits are Prepared for Processing or Leave the Fairgrounds
 8:30am – 11:00am Self Pick Up & 4-H Exhibit Building Entries Removed – **Must Check out w/ Species Chair or Superintendent before removal of any animals!**

12:00pm All Animals Gone & All Stalls Clean



COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Cattle Practice:** July 1st, 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up:** July 12th, 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Showmanship Practice:** July 12th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** July 12th, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **W-9 Submission in FairEntry Deadline,** July 15th
- **Cattle Practice:** July 19th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Work Bee at Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds,** July 22nd, 6:00-7:30
- **Livestock Council Meeting:** July 27th, 6:30 at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up:** July 30th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** July 30th, 5:00pm – 8:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Poultry Barn Set Up / Waterfowl Pond:** August 1st, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Rabbit Barn Set Up:** August 1st, 1:00pm – 6:00pm at the Northwestern Michigan Fair Grounds
- **Northwestern Michigan Fair,** August 9-15
- **4-H Family Gathering BBQ Potluck Dinner,** September 13 at the Bancroft Farm





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Grace Abbring wins 4-H Mark of Excellence Award

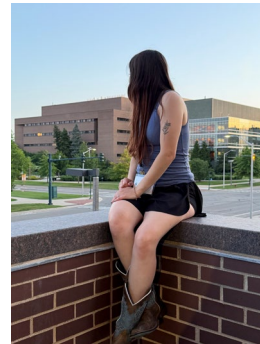


Congrats to Grace!

A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member. 4-H State Award winners become part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in learning, leadership, and service.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards 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. The application process will help youth build their skills in communication, literacy, record keeping, and marketability. The application will require youth to reflect on their past 4-H experiences and provide thoughtful responses. 4-H State Awards recognize youth for their engagement and learning in the 4-H program, focusing on the skills they have gained. Once completed, a 4-H State Awards portfolio may be a useful tool that can be referenced when completing future job, college, or scholarship applications.

Exploration Days Photos





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Tax Form Requirements for 4-H Auction Participants



For additional information, visit extension.msu.edu

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Why is this happening?

We recently identified a gap in our reporting process and are taking steps to address it moving forward. To avoid placing an unnecessary burden on youth who participate in 4-H auctions, we will not apply the requirement retroactively.

Under federal tax regulations, auctions are required to issue a 1099-MISC form to any youth who receives \$2,000 or more in payments during the calendar year from livestock sales or related activities. To comply, we must collect a W-9 form from youth who meet or may meet this threshold. **This is a federal reporting requirement, not a new MSU policy.**

What counts toward the \$2,000 threshold?

The IRS requires us to include all payments made directly to the youth when calculating this amount. This includes animal auction proceeds, add-ons, and still-exhibit auction proceeds. If the total payments made to a youth reach \$2,000 or more within a calendar year, a 1099-MISC form will be issued by the MSU Controller's Office (more information below).

Does my child need to complete a W-9?

Counties conducting 4-H Auctions will require all 4-H youth to submit a W-9 before they are eligible to market their animals or still exhibits, ensuring timely processing. Requirements for completing W-9 forms and issuing 1099-MISC documents for auctions run by fairs or other organizations will be determined by those entities.

How will W-9s be collected?

W-9 forms will be collected prior to the youth livestock auction through a secure system. The platform ensures that each submitted Social Security Number is digitally encrypted and accessible to an authorized state-level administrator for processing a 1099-MISC.

Who sends the 1099-MISC?

The MSU Controller's Office will mail 1099-MISC forms directly to families by February 1, 2027, for income earned in 2026. Requirements for completing W-9 forms and issuing 1099-MISC documents for auctions run by fairs or other organizations will be determined by those entities.

To contact an expert in your area, visit extension.msu.edu/experts or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464)

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DUE 7/15

NEW for 2026. Fair entries will be submitted online via [FairEntry](https://www.fairentry.com). Participants must be enrolled in [4-H Online](https://www.4-h.org/4-h-online) to register for FairEntry. Registration opens May 4th, 2026 and closes June 4th, 2026. Call Extension office or Expo Center for additional information.

Full document attached in newsletter.

4-H Family Gathering BBQ Potluck Dinner

Save the Date for the Annual Potluck at the Bancroft Farm! Time is TBD, but plan on being there September 13! Everyone is invited, we just ask you bring a dish to pass! Meat will be provided, so bring your favorite side, dessert, drink, or anything else you can think of!





HealthCorps

4-H Fun in the Garden SPIN Club #3

Four Weeks Every Monday

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

July 6th - July 27th, 2026

T.C. Community Garden
at the Botanic Garden
Traverse City, MI

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FREE

Join us for fun adventures in the garden nurturing resilience, kindness, mindfulness, community & creativity. This SPIN Club is designed to encourage sustainability, confidence & growth from the inside out through a fun & engaging hands-on approach with **snacks, art, music, drama, games and more** in nature. ALL are welcome.

Registration begins **TODAY!** Space is Limited.

REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM](https://v2.4honline.com)

For Questions and More Information:

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4-H Fun in the Garden

SPIN Club #4

AGES 5-13

Four Weeks Every Friday

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

July 10th - July 31st, 2026

FREE

GTA Children's Garden

at the Traverse City District Library

Traverse City, MI

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REGISTER HERE:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/GrandTraverse4HGardenCamp2026/>

COST: \$44
Per Session



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RESILIENCE

Garden Adventures

Summer Camp 2026

SNACKS

REGISTER HERE

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Session I

Monday, July 27th - Thursday, July 30th

Session II

Monday, August 17th - Thursday, August 20th

8:50 a.m. Drop-off - 12:50 p.m. - Pick-up

**The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park
1490 Red Drive, Traverse City, MI**

For Questions and Scholarship Opportunities:

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Scholarships Available

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Preparing youth to be Beyond Ready through the fair experience



Beyond Ready

The fair experience is more than a showcase; it's a powerful opportunity to prepare youth to be Beyond Ready for life. Through exhibiting their projects, interacting with judges and engaging with the public, young people practice real-world skills such as communication, responsibility, problem-solving and professionalism.

When volunteers create intentional learning moments, like encouraging youth to reflect on project growth, prepare for interviews or take leadership roles in their clubs, youth deepen their understanding and strengthen skills that extend far beyond the fairgrounds. Every fair interaction becomes a stepping stone toward future readiness.

Is your club helping youth make those connections and see how fair experiences prepare them for what comes next?

#BeyondReady

July 13-15: Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

Farm Bureau Pavilion, Lansing

Join 4-H members from around Michigan July 13-15 at the Farm Bureau Pavilion for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lakes State.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-michigan-4-h-youth-dairy-days

July 16: Water Day

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come cool off from the summer heat and have fun in the garden with water. Play water games, do water art and explore all things fun about water. Come ready to get wet!

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

July 20-21: Saginaw Bay Fish Camp

Haithco Park, Saginaw

This two-day camp will teach youth to fish and protect our Great Lakes. All campers receive a fishing rod with a reel, tackle box, t-shirt and snacks. Learn about knot-tying, tackle crafting, casting, aquatic ecology, angler ethics and more! Open to 4-H members ages 8-13. Registration deadline is July 10.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2026-saginaw-bay-4-h-fish-camp

July 23: Bug Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Join for a tribute to insects in the gardens. Collect, observe and even make bugs! The MSU Bug House will also be on site with their collections of insects from all over the world.

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

July 27: 4-H Garden Adventures Summer Camp

Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Traverse City

Youth ages 7-12- are invited to join this camp for fun adventures in nature, nurturing resilience, kindness, community and creativity as they explore sustainability and growth through an engaging, hands-on approach.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-garden-adventures-summer-camp-2026

July 30: Bubble Day at the Children's Gardens

Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens, East Lansing

Come celebrate summer vacation at the garden with bubbles! Youth will paint, eat and even make music with bubbles.

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





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is thrilled to partner again in 2026 with the [Michigan State Fair](#) on an exciting program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase provides a virtual platform for youth across Michigan to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for up to \$1,000 in scholarships. Any Michigan youth ages 5-19 is encouraged to participate; 4-H membership is not required.

There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish by [submitting project photos and videos](#). **Be sure to submit your entries by the registration deadline of August 7 at 5 p.m.** Project evaluation will occur before the start of the Michigan State Fair so that winners can be announced at the event. Learn more, find helpful resources and registration links at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.



2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Business Pitch Contest

Got a business idea? Whether your business is already running, just getting started or still an idea, we want to hear your pitch! Enter the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase and share your entrepreneurial skills in a two-minute video!

Entries will be judged on creativity, communication, understanding of the target audience, and overall presentation skills. Winners in each age division will receive gift card prizes (\$75, \$50, \$25) sponsored by Michigan State University Federal Credit Union and be recognized through Michigan 4-H communications and social media. For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

2026 MSF 4-H & Youth Showcase Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest

Michigan youth ages 8–19 are invited to enter the Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest as part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase! Create a short video and/or design a poster, flyer or graphic that encourages others to purchase the Michigan 4-H license plate and you could win. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be featured on Michigan 4-H social media channels. Put your creativity to work and help spread the word about 4-H across Michigan! For more information, visit Department 73 of the fair book at: www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/.

New scholarships for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is pleased to offer new scholarship opportunities to Michigan 4-H members for fall 2026. Nearly \$30,000 in post-secondary 4-H scholarships are available for the 2026–2027 academic year to high school seniors or incoming college freshmen. Youth must have participated in 4-H for three or more years.

These scholarships are made possible through generous support from 4-H alumni, retirees and friends of 4-H. Apply by September 1 at mi4hfdtn.org/scholarship.





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How will W-9s be collected?

W-9 forms will be collected prior to the youth livestock auction through a secure system. The platform ensures that each submitted Social Security Number is digitally encrypted and accessible to an authorized state-level administrator for processing a 1099-MISC.

Who sends the 1099-MISC?

The MSU Controller's Office will mail 1099-MISC forms directly to families by February 1, 2027, for income earned in 2026. Requirements for completing W-9 forms and issuing 1099-MISC documents for auctions run by fairs or other organizations will be determined by those entities.

To contact an expert in your area, visit extension.msu.edu/experts or call 888-MSUE4MI (888-678-3464)

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Will my child need to file taxes?

Tax filing requirements vary. **MSU and MSU Extension cannot provide tax advice, but families may consult a tax professional or IRS resources. Receiving a 1099-MISC does not automatically mean your child owes taxes.**

What should families do now?

Be aware of the new reporting requirements for 2026, plan to complete a W-9 if your child participates in 4-H auctions, and ask questions early.

Questions?

Please contact your local MSU Extension 4-H staff.

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Child and Family Development July Offerings

MSU Extension has a wide range of free online classes for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and early childhood professionals. See below for our July offerings!

Please reach out to your local Extension office or [find a Child and Family Development team member near you!](#)

Follow our Facebook page for more information and resources at [MI Stronger Family - MSU Extension](#)

Check out resources and upcoming events on our website: [MSU Extension Child and Family Development](#)

Extension Extras For Parents

These free online parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. The workshops are on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00PM ET as follows:

Class dates:

July 7: Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science for Children

July 14: Positive Discipline

July 21: How Children Develop

July 28: Together We Can: Co-Parenting

Class Times: 7:30PM to 9:00PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fEW2PDu5THq5OmQ0-EB7LQ

Parenting Series

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting

Are you wondering how to gain greater cooperation from your children? Struggling with chores or routines? Not sure how to handle discipline issues? Join us for this five-week parenting education series for parents with children of all ages will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules, and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. Certificates of attendance are available. **This class is eligible for MIRegistry Credit!**

- **Class Dates: Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6**
- **Class Times:** 7:00-8:30pm ET
- **Registration:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOUJg8zZGkm98AC
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

The Parent Talk System

Do you feel like the children in your care aren't listening to you? Do you find yourself constantly repeating yourself trying to gain compliance? This 6-week series is for parents and caregivers of children of all ages and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits,

teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. Certificates of attendance are available. **This class is eligible for MIRegistry Credit!**

- **Class dates:** Mondays, June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3
- **Class times:** 7:30pm-9:00pm ET
- **Registration:** https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XLbxFQ7NqMF1GK
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
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Extension Extras for Professionals: Early Childhood Professional Development Classes

These free online workshops provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. **These classes are eligible for MIRegistry Credit!** (See more offerings for professionals at the end of the note)

Title: Purpose of Play

- **Class Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2026
- **Class Time:** 7:00PM to 8:30PM
- **Registration:** https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QCXKon3RS_CMbyd6tZZyog
- Attached is a flyer and graphics for social media
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Title: Mindfulness for Children

- **Class Date:** Friday, July 24, 2026
- **Class Time:** 1:00PM to 2:30PM
- **Registration:** https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SzbuvByZSUiHi0uuzEycGw
- Attached is a flyer for this workshop.

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In-Person Workshop: Including All of Us

Description:

Including All of Us is an intensive training to provide an opportunity for child care professionals to learn about issues of diversity, equity and inclusion in early childhood. Including All of Us includes group content, where early childhood professionals can explore their own beliefs, worldviews and understanding of issues surrounding diversity. Participants learn about ways they can incorporate anti-bias education into their work with young children and create environments of equity for all children. Ensuring that child care environments are high quality, equitable and inclusive will help build and nurture social emotional competencies and prepare children for success in school and in life. Including All of Us provides an opportunity for teachers to practice self-reflection and develop an awareness that will have a positive impact on their teaching, child care skills, and family interactions.

This in-person, free program is six hours in length and can be taught in one six-hour session or two, three-hour sessions. **The program is approved in the MiRegistry system** and completion certificates are available.

- To schedule a workshop at your location, contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Online Self-Paced Classes

These free online classes can be completed on your own at your own pace.

Positive Discipline: Helping young children learn self-control is important to their ability to be successful citizens now and in the future. Positive Discipline workshops help adults learn how their role in creating appropriate environments and experiences can strengthen that development. This class has a “parent and caregiver” track and a “professional” track. Certificates of attendance are available for all who take the class and professional development training hours are available for early childhood professionals. Credit in the MiRegistry system is available.

- **Registration:** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/positive-discipline-online-course>
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu
- **This class is eligible for MiRegistry Credit!**

Infant Safety

MSU Extension has partnered with the [Livingston County Child Abuse Prevention Council](#) to create a self-directed online infant safety course called “Sleeping, Crying, Driving.” This three part course contains videos and interactive content on infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely. A certificate of completion **and MiRegistry credit** is available for those who need proof of attendance.

- **Registration:** https://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development/infant-safety/
- **This class is eligible for MiRegistry Credit!**

MI Parenting Resource

This free, online program is meant to support caregivers across the state in strengthening their parent-child relationships and gaining new tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

- **Registration:** <https://miparentingresource.org/>
- For more information contact Courtney Aldrich at aldric82@msu.edu

Additional Resources

Michigan State University Extension has partnered with Cooperative Extension in other states to provide more resources and classes for you! Check out Fit and Healthy Kids at <https://fitandhealthykids.unl.edu/>, for classes and resources for Early Childhood Professionals.