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4-H Family News

Leelanau County



Happy Fall, 4-H'ers and 4-H Families!

I hope the school year is off to a great start for all of you! There is a lot happening with Leelanau County 4-H this fall, and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming activities around the county!

This fall, be sure to find 4-H at one of our local school Pop-Up Markets! If your school isn't hosting one this year and would like to, please reach out. We would love to explore adding your school to the schedule next year!

Overnight Camping Trip – October 17

4-H is hosting an overnight camping trip at the 4-H Johnson Preserve Property! Be sure to check out the details below. We'll have campfires, tent camping, outdoor exploration, activities, and more! The property has been an important part of 4-H in Leelanau County, and I'm excited to bring youth and families back out to enjoy it!

National 4-H Week – October 1–8

We're celebrating National 4-H Week by helping paint the county green! The Lake Leelanau Community Association is showing its support for 4-H by lighting the Narrows Bridge in Lake Leelanau green! If you're in the area, be sure to check it out and send us your photos of the bridge. We are incredibly grateful for the support of our local organizations and community partners!

There's lots more to come this fall, and I look forward to seeing you around the county!

Best,

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COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H Monthly Education Moment – 4-H Enrollment!



As your 4-H clubs start meeting again this fall, make sure your **4-H enrollment is up to date for the new program year!**

4-H enrollment is required each year to participate in 4-H programming and helps ensure members have access to **4-H resources and insurance coverage.**

Remember, 4-H clubs are required to have **at least five enrolled youth members**, so completing your enrollment also helps make sure your club continues to meet 4-H club requirements.

4-H enrollment does not automatically carry over from year to year. A new enrollment must be completed each program year, which begins on **September 1.**

 **Be sure to enroll today and get ready for another great year of 4-H!**

Pop-Up Farmers Market



St. Mary and Northport Schools Pop-up Market's were great! Kids got to pet animals, interact with vendors, and learn about community food systems!

Upcoming Markets

Leland Public Schools
September 29th
9:00am – 12:00pm

Suttons Bay Schools
October 1st
9:00am – 12:00pm

Pathfinder School October 8th
1:00pm – 3:45pm



4-H Outdoor Overnight Camp! **at the 4-H Johnson Preserve**

 **Spend a night outdoors with 4-H!**

**Join us for tent camping, outdoor activities,
food, and fall fun!**

October 17–18

Ages 10+

 **All Meals Provided**

\$ \$30 per youth



Ready to Camp?

Contact Danny to register:

 **schaubda@msu.edu**

**After registering, participants will be asked
to enroll in 4-H Online and join the 4-H
Johnson Preserve Outdoor Camp – Fall club.**

Space is limited — sign up soon!

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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.

