



July 2026

4-H Family News

St. Clair County



From Colleen's Desk

Two months as the St. Clair County PC have officially passed and they keep getting better and better. Thank you again to all our volunteers and youth that make this job so rewarding and fun!

June was a whirlwind, but I loved every second of it. From Lexington at Thumb 4-H Camp, to Lansing for MSU 4-H Exploration Days and then back home for our county Shooting Sports Tournaments I stayed very busy, met so many new people and learned SOOOO much. I thought our fair would be the busy part at the beginning of this new adventure I am on, but I quickly learned June is busier than Fair!

Fair entries are open on ShoWorks to sign up for classes for the fair, with an entry deadline of July 1st. Link here: <https://stcla.fairwire.com/>

Note: When you complete the fair entry you will be emailed a "receipt" to the email address that you provided on your registration (check your junk mail folder if not received). If you do not receive a receipt in your email, you have not completed the entry process.

Sincerely,

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St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair

Register for fair here:

<https://stcla.fairwire.com/>

Entry deadline is July 1.



St. Clair County Events

Local Calendar

2026

July

July 1 – Deadline to register for fair

July 9 – Fair Board Meeting, Goodells County Park

July 15 – State 4-H Horse Show entries due

July 16 - 4-H Horse Leader's Meeting, Goodells County Park

July 20-25 – St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair

August

August 6 – 4-H Rabbit Leaders Meeting, Kimball Township Offices

August 8 – 4-H Lake to Table Event: Register on 4-H Online by 7/27/26

August 10 – Fair Board Meeting, Goodells County Park

*August 29 – SCC Farm Museums Fall Harvest Days, Goodells County Park

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*Stop out and see our SCC 4-H Family representing our county at these events! Reach out to me if you would like to participate!

More information about 4-H events can be found online:

- St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page: <https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>
- <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>
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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

The 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





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Thumb 4-H Camp



June 15th – 17th youth 4-H age 9-14 , joined our Teen Camp counselors and 4-H staff experiencing nature in an exciting and memorable way through the theme, "Wagons West: A Frontier Camp Adventure". Camp Stapleton hosted our group again on Lake Huron!

Thumb 4-H Camp is a collaboration put on between Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties. This was the 94th year for this camp! St. Clair County has been involved in this great partnership for almost 20 of those years!

St. Clair County had 8 youth and volunteers attend camp. The 4-H Teen Camp Counselors did a fantastic job keeping all the campers safe and entertained. The weather gave us some ups and downs, but we persevered and left camp with endless memories and lifelong friendships!

Keep an eye out for the 2027 camp dates and be sure to join us for camp fun and adventures!



COUNTY 4-H NEWS

MSU 4-H Exploration Days



13 SCC 4-H Youths and 2 adult chaperones stayed in dorms on MSU campus from June 24th – 26th for an immersive pre-college experience.

During their stay on campus youth got to experience dorm life, the dining hall (everyone's favorite). On top of these experiences, they had Career Tracks on Wednesday to show them a sample of career opportunities an MSU education can bring them, as well as classroom and/or field trip sessions on Thursday and Friday that varied from Acting Improv, Learning to Use a Sewing Machine, Target Archery, Veterinary Nurse for a Day, All About Swine, Outdoor Survival Skills and many more!

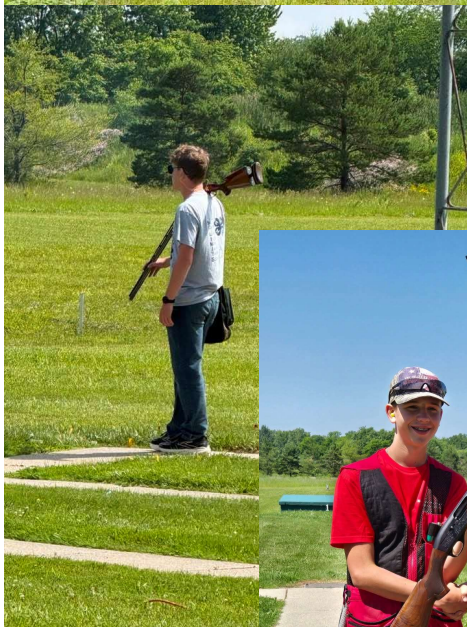
Join us for the 2027 Exploration Days June 23rd – 25th





COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County Shooting Sports Tournaments



June 27th the Shooting Sports and 3-D Archery tournaments took place at Blue Water Sportsman's Association. The disciplines included were BB, .22, Pellet, Trap, Skeet, Muzzleloading and 3-D Archery.

June 28th took us out to Goodells County Park for the Target Archery tournament.

There were a total of 56 shooting sports participants and 56 participants in the archery events as well!

St. Clair County Shooting Sports is the largest 4-H shooting sports group in the state of Michigan, and we are so proud and honored to have such great youths and so many 4-H certified instructors to keep our program safe, fun and growing!

Stop and see the Shooting Sports Awards Ceremony the afternoon of July 20th during the St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair!



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

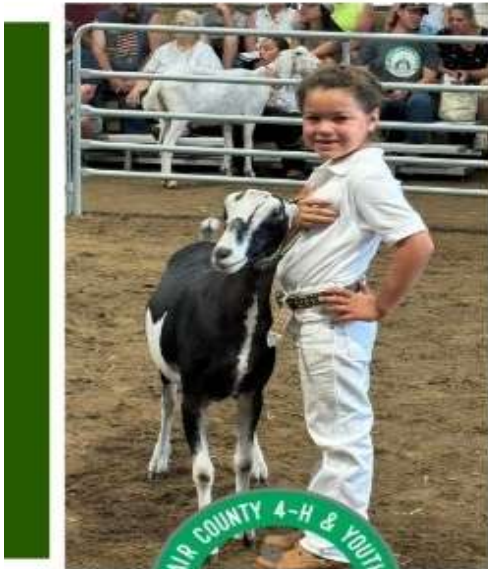
Michigan youth ages 8–19 are invited to enter the Michigan 4-H License Plate Promotion Contest as part of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase! Create a short video and/or design a poster, flyer or graphic that encourages others to purchase the Michigan 4-H license plate and you could 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.





UPCOMING FAIR DATES

2026 - July 20-25

2027 - July 19-24

2028 - July 17-22

2029 - July 16-21

www.stclaircounty4hfair.org

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Learn more about how you can grow with Michigan 4-H!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_clair/4-h/index



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