What is 4-H?
4-H is the nation’s largest youth development and empowerment organization, reaching more than 7 million 4-H youth in urban neighborhoods, suburban schoolyards and rural farming communities. Fueled by university-backed curriculum, 4-H’ers engage in hands-on, feet-wet, learning activities in the areas of science, healthy living, and food security.

What does 4-H offer?
For youth, 4-H offers fun learning opportunities through 4-H clubs, and local, state and national events. For older teens, 4-H offers opportunities to set goals, develop strategies to reach those goals, and lead by sharing their skills, knowledge and talents to make their communities stronger. For adults, 4-H offers research based support and training in learning methods and materials to help plan and lead activities and projects for youth.

How does 4-H work?
Join a club! 4-H clubs are groups of youth and volunteers who meet on a regular basis. This could be monthly or another timeframe that works best for the group. Meetings give youth opportunities to share project work, plan community service activities, practice running meetings, and more. Sign up at: https://mi.4honline.com

Is there a cost to join 4-H?
To join a club, the participation fee & insurance fee is $20 per year per youth and covers enrollment in multiple clubs or $60 per family (with three or more youth). If paying this fee is a problem there are scholarships available. Some types of projects have additional costs for supplies, equipment, travel, etc.

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New programs coming soon! Like us on Facebook, Iosco County 4-H, for the latest news.
Iosco County 4-H Clubs

Oscoda Bowling Clubs
The bowling clubs meet at Vista Lanes in Oscoda. Youth ages 5-19 can join. Bowl 2 games bumper or 2 games regular bowling each week. Choose which day you’d like to bowl Tuesdays or Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Clubs begin in November. 4-H Leader is Suzanne Huebel.

Cake Decorating Club
Do you want to learn how to decorate cakes? Then join the Kids-n-Cakes Club to learn and practice your skills. This club is for youth ages 8-19. Club will begin in February of March of 2018. This club meets at Eagle Point Plaza in Hale. The 4-H Leader is Susan Colvin.

Dairy Club
Want to learn about dairy cows? This is the club for you. No animals needed. Join us to learn, have fun and make new friends. 4-H Leader is Jessica Provoast. Club is for youth ages 5-19.

Horse Clubs
These 4-H clubs offer members the opportunity to learn about horses, educate members on horse safety, showmanship and more. Whether you’re a beginner or advanced rider these clubs are for you!

- Hale Desperados – This club meets in Hale. 4-H Leader is Carla Johnson
- Stars & Strides – This club meets in Whittemore. 4-H Leader is Jenelle Bellville.
- American Riders – This club meets in Whittemore. 4-H Leader is Allison Brothers.
- Proud Equestrian Program – Horseback riding club for youth with disabilities. This club meets in Whittemore.

Livestock Clubs
Are you interested in learning more about animals? Or showing an animal at the Iosco County Fair? Then one of these clubs may be for you. Youth ages 5-19 can join and learn about animals, however youth must be age 9-19 sell a market animal at the county fair. Sign up meeting will be held in December for the livestock clubs. In these clubs you will learn about how to care for your project, showmanship, nutrition, breeds & more!

- Junior Market Beef Livestock Club – 4-H Leaders are Melanie Barnes & Quinn McGillis
- Junior Market Sheep Livestock Club – 4-H Leaders are Tammy Gawne & Wendy Gawne
- Junior Market Swine Livestock Club – 4-H Leaders are Jessica Guoan & Carl Wanks
- Sunrise Side Livestock Club (beef, sheep & swine) – 4-H Leader is Jim McArdle
- Redneck Rabbit and Critter Club (Rabbits and Poultry) – 4-H Leader is Simone Hayes

Babysitting Club
This club is for youth ages 12 and older. Club size is limited to 10 youth. Plans are to hold have a club in Hale, Tawas, Whittemore and Oscoda areas. Cost is $10 for 4-H members to cover supplies, and $30 for non-members.
Shooting Sports Clubs

Shooting Sports Clubs help youth learn about sportsmanship, firearm safety & proper techniques. Clubs are open to youth ages 9-19. Join now to brush up on your skills, learn new skills and make new friends. The BB gun club begins in January, Muzzle loading in the spring, and .22 rifle in the summer.

- .22 Rifle Club – 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor is Jason Palmer. Club meets at the Iosco Sportsmen’s Club in East Tawas.
- Archery Club – Instructor Ed Fischer and Paul Grabstanowicz. Club will meet in the Hale area.

4-H Put It Up! Food Preservation Club

Are you interested in learning about canning? Are you between the ages of 8 and 12? If so this club is for you! This club will meet for six week starting February and run through March. 4-H members will make crushed tomatoes, strawberry jam, pickles, veggie soup, fruit leather, and freeze berries. Cost is $30.00 for 4-H members and $50.00 for non-members. Club meets in East Tawas.

Hale Area 4-H Sewing

4-H members age 9-19 can join the newest 4-H club and learn about sewing! Members will be learning the basics of 4-H, as well as sewing in this afterschool club that will start at the Hale High School. This club will be seven weeks long and culminate with a 4-H Style Review, where members will showcase their projects.

4-H Tawas Teen Sewing Club

This club will begin on Saturday, October 14 and is specifically designed for high school youth with a passion for sewing. Members will be making a quilt. Projects will be based on the club members input. Experience levels can vary from beginner to advance. 4-H club leader is Jan Jacobs. Call Jan at 407-637-0118 for more information.

4-H Veterinary Science Club

This club is for youth ages 8 – 13. The club will meet for six weeks. Each week, 4-H members will be learning about different topics including: animal anatomy and physiology, suturing and injections, sheep heart dissections, and more! Club members will be taking a field trip to a local veterinarian’s office and presenting a Veterinary Science project at the last club meeting.

New clubs are starting all the time! Please call the MSU Extension Office for the most up to date list.