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# MICHIGAN BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB SONGS

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The 4-H Clover Leaf is the national symbol  
for Boys' and Girls' Club Work.

## FOREWORD

Singing has long since found its place in Boys' and Girls' Club Work. The significance of song is too well recognized to require comment. Boys and girls love to sing, and songs may do much to create and maintain interest in club work.

Leaders of Boys' and Girls' Clubs should be prepared to conduct group singing at all club meetings. The following songs are suggested as a basis for starting your song program. The help of the children should be enlisted in writing new songs. Those selected below have been tried with clubs and have been found to be easily taught.

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## MICHIGAN SONGS

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### 1

#### MICHIGAN STATE CLUB SONG

##### "The 4-H Clover"

(Tune: Whispering)

1. Listen now we'll tell you a story,  
And it's worth while listening to,  
It's of the four clover leaf glory  
How it will bring good luck to you.

Chorus:

Here's to the head that does the thinking,  
Here's to the hands that do the working,  
Here's to the heart that must be willing,  
Health we must have to be cheerful and happy.  
Now can our good luck ne'er desert us,  
If we must prove it, come and watch us,  
We'll always keep the clover with us,  
Fortune it will ever bring.

2. Michigan, our own state, is calling  
For the best that our hands can do;  
Keep the four-leaf clover from falling,  
And it is up to you—to you.

Written by Marion Boley, Branch County.

### 2

#### Camp Shaw Song

(Tune: Peggy O'Neil.)

Our club camp at Chatham we'll make  
Called Camp Shaw.  
Where we judge and demonstrate  
At Camp Shaw  
Calves and poultry and pigs in a pen  
Canning and clothing and cooking, and then  
We will be happy and peppy and snappy  
At Camp Shaw

## 3

**Michigan's Achievement Day Club Song**

(Tune—Perfect Day.)

We are nearing the end of "Achievement Day".

Which has meant so much to us all,  
 And each member and guest should go away  
 To answer to Duty's Call;  
 For "Club Work" means service at work or play  
 And kindness to everyone,  
 So we feel at the end of "Achievement Day"  
 The joy of a task well done.

Yes, this is the end of a "Club Work Year"

Though we wish it were just begun,  
 And we've finished the projects we set out to do,  
 Yet there's many still undone,  
 For we know there are schools where the work seems dull,  
 And the lives of the children drear,  
 So we're hoping they all will soon have clubs,  
 Like the ones which we've had here.

## 4

**Michigan, My Michigan.**

Home of my heart, I sing to thee,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 Thy lake-bound shores I long to see,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 From Saginaw's tall whispering pines,  
 To Lake Superior's farthest mines,  
 Fair in the light of memory shines,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.

And when the happy time shall come,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 That brings thy war-torn heroes home,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 What welcome from their own proud shore,  
 What honors at their feet we'll pour,  
 What tears for those who'll come no more,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.

A grateful country claims thee now,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 And deathless laurels bind each brow,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.  
 And history the tale will tell  
 Of how they fought and how they fell  
 For that dear land they loved so well,  
 Michigan, my Michigan.

## 5

**ALMA MATER M. A. C.**

Close beside the winding Cedar's  
Sloping banks of green,  
Spreads thy campus Alma Mater,  
Fairest ever seen.

Chorus:

Swell the chorus, let it echo  
Over hill and dale.  
Hail to thee our loving Mother,  
M. A. C. all hail.

First of all thy race fond Mother,  
Thus we greet thee now,  
While with loving hands the laurel  
Twine we o'er thy brow.

## 6

**Michigan for Me**

(Tune: Carrigan)

M-i-c-h-i-g-a-n spells Michigan, Michigan  
That's the state that we're from, we're from  
That's the state you'll hear from, hear from  
M-i-c-h-i-g-a-n you see  
First we spell it, then we yell it  
Then we yell it, then we spell it  
Michigan for me.

## 7

**Michigan On the Lakes**

(Tune: When the Roll is Called up Yonder)

Did you ever hear of Michigan?  
On the Lakes?

## PATRIOTIC SONGS

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### 8

#### America

Samuel F. Smith, 1832

My country, tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain-side  
Let freedom ring.

My native country,—thee,  
Land of the noble, free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake,  
Let all that breathe partake,  
Let rocks their silence break,—  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light,—  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

## 9

**America, the Beautiful**

Katherine Lee Bates

(Tune—Materna)

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain!  
America! America!  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
Whose stern, impassioned stress,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Across the wilderness!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control,  
Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for glorious tale  
Of liberating strife,  
When valiantly for man's avail,  
Men lavished precious life!  
America! America!  
May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness,  
And every gain divine!

## CLUB PROJECT SONGS

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### 10

#### Canning Song

I'm canning this year  
 Tho' I never canned before,  
 I can everything  
 From the skin to the core,  
 For when I'm canning  
 I'm as happy as can be;  
 For I am a member of a club you see!

Chorus:

Glorious! Glorious! Glorious!  
 We'll can enough food for the four of us,  
 Glory be! there are no more of us,  
 For the four of us can eat it all alone.

### 11

#### Canning Club Song

(Tune: In the Good Old Summer Time)

In the good old summer time, in the good old summer time,  
 Going to our club meetings with our canning fine,  
 Our work will make a big display, and that's a very good sign  
 That we are canning berries in the good old summer time.

### 12

#### The Good Old Winter Time

(Tune: The Good Old Summer Time)

In the good old winter time,  
 In the good old winter time,  
 How it snows and how it blows  
 In this northern clime,  
 But cans of vegetables and fruit,  
 Are in the cellars, you'll find;  
 And that's what keeps us happy  
 In the good old winter time.

## 13

**Sewing Club Song**

I'm sewing this year  
 Tho' I never sewed before,  
 I hem and I stitch  
 'Till my fingers all are sore;  
 For when I'm sewing  
 I'm as happy as can be  
 For I am a member of a club you see!

Chorus:

Glorious, Glorious!  
 We'll make enough clothes  
 For the four of us.  
 Glory be, there are no more of us  
 For the four of us can wear 'em.

## 14

**Leave it to Our Club**

(Tune: Leave Me With A Smile)

Though it's time for working  
 We will not be shirking  
 Leave it to our Club,  
 'Cause our name is "Get There."  
 We are on our way there  
 Leave it to our Club,  
 We'll all work together  
 Really it's a pleasure  
 To cook for our club,  
 We'll do all in our power  
 In one little hour,  
 And leave it to our Club.

## 15

**While We are Making Garments**

(Tune: Marching Through Georgia)

Come on, all ye members, we'll sing our new club song,  
 Sing it with a spirit that will start the world along,  
 Sing it as we ought to sing, with voices loud and strong  
 While we are making garments.

Chorus :

Hurrah! hurrah! we're working for the best,  
 Hurrah! hurrah! we'll surely stand the test.  
 We will work with a spirit that will startle all the rest  
 For we are the "Jolly Stitchers."

How our parents praised us when our first work was done,  
 How our teacher helped us as we wished to travel on,  
 And amid our steady work, we, too, will have some fun,  
 While we are making garments.

## 16

### Hurrah for Our Club

(Tune: Hurrah For the Flag)

1

There are many clubs in many lands,  
 There are clubs for boys too,  
 But there is no club however grand;  
 Like our own "I sew-You sew."

Chorus :

Then hurrah for the club  
 Our sewing club  
 Its green and white colors too  
 There is no club in any land  
 Like our own "I sew-You sew."

2

I know what the prettiest colors are  
 The colors of our club so true  
 If I had them here I would make a bar  
 Of green and whitest hue.

Chorus :

3

There are many colors red, white and blue  
 There are emblems for clubs too  
 But the four H clover of green and white  
 Is the emblem of "I sew-You sew."

## 17

**Hot Lunch Club Song**

(Tune: We're Forever Blowing Bubbles)

We're forever drinking cocoa  
 When we eat our noon-day lunch;  
 It'll make us strong,  
 Do you think it wrong,  
 For us to sing a boasting song?  
 We are learning new things  
 We'll need to know always;  
 We're forever gaining weight  
 In the Green School Hot Lunch Club.

## 18

**Good Morning Little Vit-Vit-Vit**

(Tune: Good Morning Mr. Zip-Zip-Zip.)

Good morning little Vit-Vit-Vit,  
 In our milk and eggs and butter fine  
 Good morning little Vit-Vit-Vit,  
 Our loyal friend the Vitamine.  
 In spinach and lettuce and po-ta-to  
 In orange and lemon and to-ma-to;  
 Good morning little Vit-Vit-Vit,  
 In our milk and eggs and butter,  
 Our milk and eggs and butter,  
 Our milk and eggs and butter.

## 19

**Handicraft Club Song**

(Tune: Tramp, Tramp, Tramp.)

We're the boys of District Five,  
 And we're jolly as can be  
 And we're surely going to work with all our zest  
 With our leader at the helm,  
 Who will show us what to do,  
 We will trust to run our chances with the best.

Chorus:

Working, working, while we're singing,  
 Trying to do our very best,  
 And beneath the 4-H sign  
 We will do the best we can  
 So our club will win their honors with the rest.

## 20

**Poultry Club Song**

(Tune: Liza Jane.)

1.

We're the Wide Awake Poultry Club  
 We're on the go.  
 White Rocks and Barred Rocks  
 We'll make them grow.

Chorus:

Oh! come on in  
 Club work is fine  
 We're the workers  
 Fall right in line.

2.

Eggs and meat are very high  
 No one denies  
 We'll help cut the H. C. L.  
 With eggs and fries.

Chorus:

3.

Farmers all must use their heads  
 As well as work.  
 Club work teaches us to think  
 And never shirk.

Chorus:

4.

Head and heart and hand we pledge  
 Then health will flow  
 Let 4-Hs be our sign  
 They're on the go.

## 21

**"Hens"**

(Tune: Smiles.)

There are hens that make us happy,  
 There are hens that make us blue;  
 There are hens that are great big beauties  
 But some are not fit for stew.  
 There are hens that think the joy of living  
 Is to eat and eat away,  
 But the hens that we want for our club work  
 Are the hens that like to lay.

## 22

**Garden Club Song**

I'm a gard'ner this year  
 Tho' I never was before;  
 I hoe and I rake  
 Till my muscles all are sore  
 But when I'm gardening,  
 I'm as happy as can be  
 For I'm a member of a club you see!

Chorus:

Glorious! Glorious!  
 We'll raise a peck of spuds for the four of us,  
 Glory be! there are no more of us,  
 For the four of us can eat them all alone.

## 23

**Club Work in Our County**

(Tune: King of the Cannibal Island.)

Now would you like to hear our song,  
 It really isn't very long,  
 It's all about the good that's done  
 By Boys' and Girls' Clubs in our county.

Chorus:

Garment-making, canning, too,  
 Hoeing corn or making stew,  
 Raising calves and piggies too,  
 Are taught by the clubs in our county.

Once these clubs did not exist,  
 We wonder how did folks subsist,  
 Just think of all the fun they missed  
 When there were no clubs in the county.

## 24

**What's the Matter With Our Club**

(Tune: What's the Matter With Father.)

What's the matter with our club  
 It's a peach.  
 What's the matter with our club  
 It's a peach.  
 It's the peachiest club we ever knew  
 We love it and we'll be loyal too  
 What's the matter with our club  
 It's a peach.

## 25

**We're Here for Our Achievement Day**

(Tune: Solomon Levi.)

We're here for our Achievement Day,  
 The best day of the year,  
 We like to play as well as work,  
 But don't you ever fear,  
 We strive to make our better best,  
 Like all clubs in the state,  
 So 4-H Standard Clubs are here,  
 Right here to celebrate.

Chorus:

Oh, friends and parents,  
 Our hats are off to you;  
 We're here to show you  
 What the 4 H's in Club work can do  
 We strive to make our better best,  
 Like all clubs in the state,  
 So 4-H Standard Clubs are here,  
 Right here to celebrate.

## ROUND SONGS

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### 26

#### Club Round Song

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat.)

- 1—Hoe, hoe, hoe your row,  
Steadily every day,  
Merrily, merrily, cheerily, cheerily,  
Half our work is play.
- 2—Can, can all you can,  
Everything comes our way,  
Merrily, merrily, cheerily, cheerily,  
Half our work is play.
- 3—Grow, grow, grow a pig,  
Fatter every day,  
Merrily, merrily, cheerily, cheerily,  
Growing a pig will pay.

### 27

#### Brother John

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,  
Brother John, brother John?  
Morning bells are ringing;  
Morning bells are ringing;  
Ding, ding, dong,  
Ding, ding, dong.

GREETING SONGS

28

Greeting Song

(Tune: Boola Boola.)

Mr. (Miss).....  
 How are you?  
 We're glad you're with us,  
 We're glad you're with us,  
 We'll try to show you  
 What our club is doing.  
 Mr. (Miss).....  
 We're for you.

29

He's Alright Song

(Tune: What's the Matter With Father.)

What's the matter with.....  
 He's alright,  
 What's the matter with.....  
 Out of sight;  
 Of him, you bet, we think a lot,  
 He can have what-er we've got;  
 What's the matter with.....  
 He's alright.

30

Hail! Hail! The Club's All Here

Hail! Hail! The Club's all here.  
 Do we like our club work—YES, we like our club work  
 Hail! Hail! We're full of cheer.  
 Do we like our club work, yes. YES!

## 31

**Is Everybody Happy?**

Is everybody Happy?  
 Sure they are!  
 Then go and make your neighbor happy, too!  
 Is everybody happy, regular?  
 Anybody 'round you feeling blue?  
 I'm sorry for the man who can not smile.  
 For when he's dead he's dead an awful long while.  
 Is everybody happy?—sure they are!  
 Then go and make your neighbor happy, too!

## 32

**Thank You**

Thank you, Mr.....  
 Thank you.  
 Is there anything that we can do for you?  
 We like to work with you,  
 Yes we do, indeed we do,  
 Thank you, Mr.....  
 Thank you.

## 33

**O When We are Together**

(Tune: Ach Der Lieber Augustine.)

O when we are together, together, together  
 O when we are together  
 How happy are we!  
 For your friends are my friends  
 And my friends are your friends  
 O when we are together, how happy are we.

## 34

**The Glad Song**

(Tune: We Won't Get Home 'Till Morning.)

I'm glad I live in .....County  
 I'm glad I live in .....County  
 I'm glad I live in .....County  
 The gladdest in the State.

## SONGS FOR GROUP SINGING

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35

### The Smile Song

(Key of B Flat)

(Tune: "John Brown's Body")

It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e,  
 It isn't any trouble just to s-m-i-l-e,  
 If ever you're in trouble  
 It will vanish like a bubble,  
 If you'll only take the trouble just to s-m-i-l-e.

Other verses substituting following:

G-r-i-n Grin  
 G-i-Giggle-e  
 L-a-u-g-h  
 Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

36

### Oh Me, Oh My

Oh me, oh my,  
 We'll get there bye and bye  
 If anybody likes our Club work  
 It's I, I, I, I, I.

Oh my, Oh me,  
 We're happy as can be,  
 If anybody likes our Club work  
 Its, we, we, we, we, we.

37

### Smile Awhile

(Tune: "Smile the While You Kiss Me Fond Adieu.")

Smile awhile and give your face a rest,  
 (All smile.)  
 Stretch awhile and ease your manly chest,  
 (Arms to side.)

Reach your hands up toward the sky,  
 (Hands up.)  
 While you watch them with your eye.  
 (Heads up.)  
 Jump awhile, and shake a leg, there, sir!  
 (Jump lively.)  
 Now step forward, backward—as you were.  
 (Step back and forth.)  
 Then reach right out to someone near,  
 (Shakehands with neighbor.)  
 Shake his hand and smile.  
 (All smile.)

## 38

**Let's Take a Ride in the 4-H Clubmobile**

(Tune: The Old Gray Mare.)

Let's take a ride in the 4-H Clubmobile  
 4-H Clubmobile  
 4-H Clubmobile  
 Let's take a ride in the 4-H Clubmobile  
 Many long years to come.

With our Club Leaders to guide that Clubmobile  
 Guide that Clubmobile  
 Guide that Clubmobile  
 With our Club Leaders to guide that Clubmobile  
 Many long years to come.

## 39

**Hike Song**

(Tune: Glory, Glory, Hallelujah.)

We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike.  
 We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike.  
 We'll hike, hike, hike along the Club Turnpike,  
 As we go hiking on.

Glory, Glory, hallelujah  
 Glory, Glory, hallelujah  
 Glory, Glory, hallelujah  
 As we go hiking on.

## 40

**We've Been Working On the Farm, Boys**

(Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad.)

We've been working on the farm, boys,  
 All the live long day;  
 We've been working in the home, girls,  
 Just to pass the time away.  
 Oh, what fun we have in working  
 With our strength and might!  
 We're a jolly bunch of members;  
 Yes, and we're all right!

## 41

**In Our Good Old U. S. A.**

(Tune: Jingle Bells.)

Club work girls, Club work boys,  
 Club work every day,  
 Oh! What joy it is to work,  
 And Oh! What fun to play.  
 Head and heart, hand and health,  
 That is what we say,  
 Stands for Club work everywhere,  
 In our good old U. S. A.

## 42

**Club Life**

(Tune: Marching Thru Georgia.)

Here we come from hill and vale  
 And from the logged off lands,  
 We represent the 4-H clubs,  
 We labor with our hands.  
 Some raise livestock, some raise poultry  
 Others corn and beans,  
 We boost for boys and girls club work.

Chorus:

Club life, club life, this is the life for me,  
 Club life, club life, no slackers will there be.  
 We want to raise our standards high,  
 So everyone may see,  
 The value of boys and girls club work.

In our club we all must work  
 With head and heart and hands;  
 Giving our best interest to  
 The tilling of the lands,  
 When we exhibit at the fair  
 And get prizes not a few,  
 We're always boosting for club work.

## 43

**4-H Clubs Will Shine**

(Tune: Our Club Will Shine Tonight.)

4-H Clubs will shine tonight  
 4-H Clubs will shine  
 4-H Clubs will shine tonight  
 All down the lane.  
 We wear the 4-H sign  
 Good luck to find  
 When the sun goes down and the moon comes up  
 4-H Clubs will shine.

## 44

**Clubs With the 4-H Sign**

(Tune: Smiles.)

There are boys that take to banking,  
 There are boys that like the law,  
 There are boys that think the busy doctor,  
 Is the one whose life has not a flaw.  
 There are boys that strive to make big fortunes  
 But for us you need not feel alarm,  
 For the boys we want in the future,  
 Are the boys on the good old farm.

There are girls that think the city,  
 Is the only place to go,  
 There are girls that do not care for cooking,  
 Or have no time to knit or sew,  
 There are girls that think the joy of living,  
 Is an auto or a dress so fine,  
 But the girls that we want in the future,  
 Are the girls with the 4-H sign.

There are clubs for girls in sewing,  
 There are clubs for canning too,  
 There are clubs that teach us to feed poultry,  
 As the best of poultry breeders do.

There are clubs for raising corn and taters,  
 Feeding pigs, or calves, or sheep so fine,  
 All these clubs to make us better farmers,  
 Are the clubs of the 4-H sign.

There are clubs to spend your money,  
 There are clubs to join for fun,  
 There are clubs to chase along the cattle,  
 Or with clubs sometimes a game is won.  
 There are clubs we often swing for dumb bells,  
 There are clubs that Father took to me,  
 But of all the clubs you ere could mention,  
 Are the Boys' and Girls' club for me.

#### 45

#### Conference Song

(Tune: Believe me if all those endearing young charms.)

Oh, friends, as we gather once more to renew  
 Our hopes and our faith in our task,  
 May our failures all fade as the mists and the dew  
 While strength for new duties we ask  
     We must work with new zest;  
     We must all do our best  
 To render the service we see,  
     Then let's all join hands  
     And go forth for the test  
 That effective our efforts may be.

#### 46

#### Parting Song

(Tune: Till We Meet Again.)

Four-H Club folks that we love so well,  
 You're the folks that in our memories dwell,  
 When we part from our friends here,  
 We'll boost club work all the year;  
 And the friends we've met so merrily,  
 One and all we'll hold in memory,  
 So farewell, Four-H friends, we say,  
 Till we meet again.