



Calhoun County 4-H Family News

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Tri-County 4-H Virtual Showcase



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SHOWCASE YOUR 4-H PROJECTS VIRTUALLY! SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED IN YOUR 4-H PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. RECEIVE FEEDBACK & RIBBONS ON YOUR PROJECTS. OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH IN BERRIEN, BRANCH AND CALHOUN COUNTY.

Project areas included are as follows:

- ◆ Food & Nutrition
- ◆ Art
- ◆ Crafts
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Floriculture
- ◆ Horticulture
- ◆ Entomology
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Rocketry
- ◆ Shooting Sports
- ◆ Performing Arts
- ◆ Collections
- ◆ Cloverbud
- ◆ Glass Etching
- ◆ Cake Decorating
- ◆ Knitting
- ◆ Crocheting
- ◆ Sewing
- ◆ AND MORE!!!

Showmanship Classes for the following species:

- ◆ Dairy Cattle
- ◆ Beef
- ◆ Sheep
- ◆ Swine
- ◆ Goat
- ◆ Rabbits
- ◆ Poultry
- ◆ Cavy
- ◆ Horse and Pony
- ◆ Draft Horse
- ◆ Dogs

Register Online at:

<http://tri-countyshowcase.fairentry.com>

Entry Registration due August 12 by midnight
Evaluations & Results available on August 18

Help Documents Available at:

<https://bit.ly/32Psh4i>

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Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt



From August 7-12, families with youth ages 5-19 are welcome to join in the Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt! This self-paced experience will have families taking part in forestry-themed missions and sharing their progress with other teams in this online GooseChase scavenger hunt.

Participate from your backyard, campground, or wherever your family will be during this time! All you need is a smart phone or tablet with a camera.

The top placing U.P. and Lower Peninsula teams will be awarded a prize package that includes a camp hammock. In addition, other prize packages will also be awarded to teams throughout the scavenger hunt.

For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-forestry-savenger-hunt



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

MSU Extension is excited to partner with the [Michigan State Fair](#) to launch an exciting new program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase will provide a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration will be opening soon! While classes are still being finalized, MSU Extension and the Michigan State Fair hope to celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

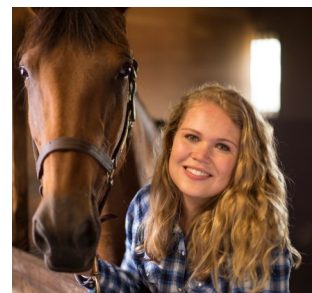
Once open, registration will be available until August 23. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish. Project evaluation will begin on August 24 with winners announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3-7. Begin working on your [project photos and videos](#) now to ensure you're ready to submit when registration opens!

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Applications and criteria are still being developed - more details about the scholarships and Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will be shared online at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase as details become available. We hope you will consider participating in this exciting new opportunity!

Free Summer Horse Care Online Course

Horse owners around the country look forward to summertime equestrian activities to get them through the winter months. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, trail rides and clubs have cancelled their live events. In a heartfelt effort to support horse enthusiasts, the MSU Extension Equine Team has put together a Summer Horse Care online course series and is offering it free of charge during 2020. Participants can earn a certificate for each of the following units:

- Unit 1: Routine Health Care – covers vaccinations, deworming, and dental care.
- Unit 2: Pasture Management – covers pasture planning, renovation, forage species, grazing management, and toxic plants.
- Unit 3: Manure Management – covers water quality, manure management options, and composting.
- Unit 4: Biosecurity – biosecurity protocol for equine and people, wildlife and insect control, and COVID-19 resources.



To learn more, go to www.myhorseuniversity.com/summer-horse-care-101.

4-H Events and Workshops

Tri-County Virtual Showcase - Showcase your 4-H projects virtually! Show what you've learned in your 4-H projects throughout the year. Receive feedback & ribbons on your projects. Open to 4-H youth in Berrien, Branch and Calhoun County. Deadline to enter is August 12th. See page 1 for details.

August 5: 4-H Cow Time Learning Seminars

MSU Extension staff, volunteers, and university faculty will be leading educational seminars each Wednesday to help youth refine dairy management and life skills learned through 4-H.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cow-time-learning-seminars-august-5th>

August 6: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—Setting Up a Mini Golf Course for Fun and the Future

An indoor mini golf course can be a lot of fun and it can also assist you in your future career. Youth are encouraged to join this session to learn more! Exploratory sessions for youth ages

8-12 are offered each Thursday at 4 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-6-setting-up-a-mini-golf-course-for-fun-and-for-the-future>

August 6: Life of the Straits 2020

This program will take place each Thursday. Each session will be a fun-filled look at features of the Straits of Mackinac, including the Mackinac Bridge, local nature preserves and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-2020-a-virtual-program-aug6>

August 7: International Conversations—Brazil

Join this webinar to learn more about Brazilian culture from a native! Come with any questions you may have about Brazil and daily life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/international-conversation-august-7-brazil>

Monday, August 17th and end Friday, August 21st-4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club

This club will meet virtually every day from 2 – 3:15 PM EST. Over the course of the week, youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5 to 19. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3gKYbDI>.

Monday, August 17th and end Friday, August 21st - 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club.

This club will meet virtually every day from 10am – 11:15 AM EST. During this week, youth will explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 8 to 12. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/32qDd8D>.

August 25: 4-H Teen Tuesday - All About Chocolate

Current 4-H members ages 13-19 can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-25-4-h-teen-tuesday-100-cocoa-all-about-chocolate>

August 25-27: Turn Your Passions Into Profits Entrepreneurship Camp

Find the entrepreneur in you with this free virtual camp. Interactive activities introduce the 4-H entrepreneurship project while you develop your business ideas and learn how to market.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/turn-your-passions-into-profits-entrepreneurship-camp>

August 27: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays - Crafts Around the World

Youth will explore simple cultural traditional crafts from around the world. This session will feature yarn art from North America.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-27-crafts-around-the-world-north-america-yarn-art>

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

4-H Bog Boots

Now Available!



Love Bogs boots? You can now wear them and support 4-H! Not only do the boots have fun 4-H clover designs, but Bogs will donate \$5 for each pair sold to National 4-H Council to support 4-H outdoor education programs.

Women and children boots are currently available for purchase in stores and online at BOGSfootwear.com. Mens boots will be available in early August.

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