



Clare County

4-H Family News

JULY 2020

4-H Program Coordinator's Message

To say that this summer has been very different would be an understatement. These past two weeks should have been very busy with 4-H Exploration Days at MSU, Camp Clover at Camp Neyati and Cloverbud Day Camp. I miss the busy and fun summers of 4-H and I miss getting to see you all!! I know participating in 4-H by a virtual format is just not the same, but I hope that everyone takes advantage of the many things are being offered the remainder of the summer.

Planning is already underway for the 2020-2021 4-H year which starts in September. I am also hoping there is interest from youth and volunteers to start a few new clubs which include a State Exchange Club and club(s) with projects and programs around the great outdoors. More info about these opportunities can be found in this newsletter.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything or even if you just want to say hi!

Have a happy and safe 4th of July weekend!!

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4-H sign coming to your yard!

The 4-H Council has purchased 4-H Grows Here yard signs as a gift for each Clare County 4-H family! Club leaders should be delivering these to each family over the next two weeks. Please put them in a visible location and use them for many summers to come!

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Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the [Meet Michigan 4-H'ers](#) section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

4-H Events and Workshops

July 6: Live Family Meditation

Online

Mindfulness is a great way to manage stress and deal with strong emotions. Join Kylie for 10 minutes of live meditation for the whole family.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/live-family-meditation-7-6-20>

July 6: Zipping Around the Zoos

Zoom

This three-week digital SPIN club focuses on different animals from around the world. Each club meeting will run for an hour and a half and visit 10-15 different types of animals.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spin-club-zipping-around-the-zoos-part-2>

July 9: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—American Sign Language

Zoom

Youth ages 8 - 12 years old can learn basic American Sign Language.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-9-american-sign-language>

July 14: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Virtual Club Meetings

Zoom

Current 4-H members 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/july-14-4-h-teen-tuesday-virtual-club-meetings>

July 20: Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics

Zoom

Learn about different aspects of robotics while building your own robots with items that some may consider junk, but we call treasure!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-junk-drawer-robotics>

July 21: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Community Service from Home

Zoom

Current 4-H members 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/july-21-4-h-teen-tuesday-community-service-from-home>

July 29: Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp

Zoom

Learn and practice using a variety of communication tools and media including social media, video, photography, written and spoken communication.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/teen-spokesperson-virtual-camp>

July 30: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays — Healthy Snacking

Zoom

Youth ages 8-12 can explore fun options for healthy snacks

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/july-30-healthy-snacking>

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



4-H Virtual Communications Contest

Looking for ways to grow your public speaking, demonstration and other verbal communication skills? The new Michigan 4-H Virtual Communications Contest is for you!

Now through July 24, youth of all ages have the opportunity to take part in a variety of online communication contests. Whether you're a Cloverbud or a senior, take part in this virtual experience that will help you grow your skills while having fun. Contests include:

Impromptu Public Speaking: June 29—July 3. During the week of June 29, contestants will be sent a Zoom link and call time. On the call, youth will receive three easy topics from which to choose. Contestants will have 10 minutes to prepare their 2-3 minute speech on one of the topics (no research required). Once their allotted prep time is over, contestants will perform their speech online and then receive questions from the judges. This fun, interactive contest features simple and fun topics; if you love public speaking or just want to give it a try, this is great place to start.

Demonstrations: July 6-10. Youth will record a video of themselves performing a demonstration or illustrated talk. A demonstration is defined as a step-by-step procedure with an end product or result while an illustrated talk is a presentation of an idea or topic that uses visual aids to convey the message. Utilizing visual aids to help convey the major points of the presentation or demonstration, youth will record a 9-12 video (Cloverbud demonstrations should be 3-4 minutes) and upload their presentation for evaluation.

Clowning or Acting: July 13-24. This contest will give new life to the art of clowning in 4-H and can be modified for aspiring actors as well. Youth will record a 3-12 minute skit and upload their video for judging. Watch for resources and classes to be shared prior to the week of this contest and give clowning/acting a try even if you have never done it before!

To take part in one or more of these contests, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirCommContest/> to register and read the complete contest rules. Each contest will place the top 10 winners with the top three receiving medals and all participants receiving a participation certificate. Questions? Contact Roxanne Turner at turnerr@msu.edu or Emily Hoover at hooverem@msu.edu.

Connect with fellow 4-H'ers online!

While 4-H'ers across the state continue to maintain their social distance this summer, many are missing the interactions with their fellow 4-H'ers and peers. To provide a space for 4-H'ers across the state to virtually connect and learn from one another, Michigan 4-H will be hosting two virtual series throughout the summer.

Teen Tuesdays: Now through August 25, current 4-H members ages 13-19 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will feature a different theme each session. In addition to learning about a new topic, each virtual forum will provide a space for online interaction and discussion. View scheduled topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teentuesdays/>.

4-H at 4 on Thursdays: Now through August 27, current 4-H members ages 8-12 are invited to join this weekly online experience that will demonstrate a different hands-on project, experiment or craft each week. In addition to providing a fun, at-home activity to enjoy, these sessions will provide a taste of what 4-H has to offer and allow youth to try 4-H projects they might not know exist. View the weekly topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4thursdays/>.

4-H Grows Here, There & Everywhere!



As the world continues to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, Michigan 4-H youth are sticking together while staying physically apart. Although saddened to miss their favorite summer events and county fairs, 4-H'ers across the state know they play an important role in helping to keep communities safe during the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Though they maintain their social distance, 4-H'ers continue to use their head, heart, hands and health through a multitude of online educational opportunities and virtual learning showcases that illustrate how 4-H grown continues while safe at home.

Tell us how your 4-H year has continued in alternative ways during the COVID-19 outbreak in a video testimonial. View the complete guidelines at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4-h-grows-here-there-and-everywhere-guidelines.



CLARE COUNTY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Youth:

Clara Ewald
Natalie Hilyard
Ella Pettersch
Zayla Stoike
Caden Clayton
Natalie Armstrong
Remmy Hartley
Montana Crawford
Lilah Ellison
Taylor Newman
Collin Maxey
Ryan Judge
Allison Whitaker
Alexandria Brown
Bella Young
Summer Bay
Luke Clarkson
Taryn Green
Cooper Whitaker
Naomi Wormsley
Trinity DeGeer

Volunteers:

Betty Mussell
Scott Jehnzen
Carolyn Kinberg
Angela Clark

JULY

8: Youth Leadership Council meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/359279615>

Password: youth

9-12: Let's Camp & Explore, GooseChase

22: 4-H Council meeting, 6:30pm, <https://msu.zoom.us/j/98527058744> Password: council

27-31: Middle of the Mitt Virtual 4-H Showcase

AUGUST

3-7: Fair Week GooseChase

31: Club Year End Forms Due

31: Award Nomination Forms Due

Clare County Honor Clubs

Did you know that 4-H clubs can win money for their club by completing activities each year? Honor Clubs is an incentive program for clubs to be rewarded for their hard work and participation in 4-H. Learn how your club could be award gold, silver or bronze status at the Fall 4-H Awards Celebration: https://www.canr.msu.edu/clare/uploads/files/Honor%20Club%20Guidelines%202020%20COVID%20revision_.pdf

Club Year End Forms & Award Nomination Forms

Club Year End Forms and Award Nomination Forms will be mailed out to each club by the end of July. The Administrative Leader of each club will be the one receiving these forms. The Award Nomination Forms will be posted on our website for everyone to access. Any youth or adult affiliated with Clare County 4-H is encouraged to nominate youth, parents, volunteers and community members for awards. Both set of forms are due August 31, 2020, to the MSU Extension Office.

Seeking Adults Passionate About the Outdoors

Are you or someone you know passionate about the outdoors? We'd like to give youth in Clare County some new opportunities through starting a new club or clubs with a focus on the outdoors. Fishing, backpacking, wilderness survival, archery, shot gun. The possibilities are endless! This can be a short term or long term commitment. Please contact Alex Schunk if you or someone you know may be interested!



LET'S CAMP & EXPLORE!

Self-paced experience kinda like summer camp. Free fun for the whole family!

JULY 9 TO 12, 2020

Open to families with youth age 5 to 19 in
Clare and Gladwin Counties.

Camp themed prizes for top 3 placing families.

Sign-up by July 7 at <https://forms.gle/YamYWnYHnmjX9gxw9>.



Families will document their camping (or camp like adventures) by completing missions and sharing them with other participants on a scavenger hunt like app, GooseChase. All that's needed for this DIY camping experience is a smart phone or tablet with a camera!

Prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) point placing families. Points are given by completing missions. Bonus points can be given to those with creative submissions. Prizes include 4-H camping gear:

1st: Clover Travel Chair, Set of 2 Stainless Steel Camping Pints

2nd: Retro Camping Mug, USB Power Bank, Portable Folding Silverware Set

3rd: 2 Foldable Water Bottles, Sweatshirt Roll Up Blanket

Save the Date

MIDDLE OF THE MITT VIRTUAL 4-H SHOWCASE

*Clare, Gladwin, Isabella & Osceola
County 4-H Programs*



JULY 25-31



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For this Virtual experience we are offering the following classes:
Livestock & Small Animals: Showmanship, Record Books and one breed class/species
Horse & Pony: Showmanship, Equitation, Trail, Record Books
Dogs & Cats: Showmanship, Agility & Obedience (Dogs), Record Books
Still Exhibits (Home Arts): Many departments with only one entry per a department.

With this being 4-H event, all 4-H rules apply. The age divisions are:
Cloverbud 5-7
Junior 8-11
Intermediates 12-15
Seniors 16-19

More information and registration will be released the week of July 6! Check our "Middle of the Mitt Virtual 4-H Showcase" on Facebook to see updates and the latest information.

MICHIGAN FORESTRY SCAVENGER HUNT

Free self-paced program for families with youth age 5 to 19

August 7-12, 2020

Registration open through August 4

Registration & Info: <https://forms.gle/qHpZnuG2isGdzRe58>

Prizes for top placing Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula teams, plus more!



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Registration and More Info: <https://forms.gle/4bcGVMRrFPidnFWa6>



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STATE EXCHANGE CLUB

Open to Youth Age 14 to 19 as of 1/1/2021

Interested youth and families should complete the interest form.

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4-H GROWS HERE

This exciting opportunity will one summer allow youth to travel to another state to meet and travel with a 4-H club from the state traveled to and the other summer the other state will travel to Clare County to stay with families and travel the state. This is a two year commitment for youth and their families with travel taking place for one full week each summer.

Participants do not have to be currently involved in 4-H to join this experience.

Youth and their families interested in participating in a State Exchange program should complete the interest form after reading the full details. Please know that all of this information is tentative at the time being until we know what interest there is and also what the affects of COVID-19 are going to be in the future.

Interest survey and more details: <https://forms.gle/9q27hcpfMf8ofL7A9>

on the ballot
Aug. 4
in Clare County

Making a Difference in Clare County

The 6-year 0.13-mill request that will appear on the August 4, 2020 ballot will provide continued funding for MSU Extension educational programs in Clare County, such as:

The property tax will cost the average Clare County home owner less than

\$6

per year.

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Youth
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&
Agribusiness

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Family
Development

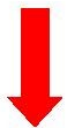
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