

Hi **FamilyName** Family,

Although 4-H programs, opportunities, and experiences remain virtual this summer, we have a lot to offer! Show off your project work at the new Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H Virtual Showcase. Or explore your photography skills and self-expression during the Eaton County 4-H Photovoice project. Get creative with designing a t-shirt for our county, or learn about how STEAM topics connect to gardening. And those are just in our county - you can also participate in all the other statewide offerings as well, all for free! Check out everything going on:

## **Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:**

\*\*Please note: We are attempting to keep the Events Calendar as up to date as possible at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar).

- **Registration now open!** Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H Virtual Showcase!  
Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H programs are teaming up to offer youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects virtually! Show what you've learned in your 4-H project this year and your project, from your photography, to sewing and crafts, to animal showmanship, and more! Save the date – entry registration will be due July 22! Entries will be judged and results available the week of July 27. Please see the email sent from 4HOnline on 7/8/2020 for more information, including lots of help documents. If you need the email resent, please let me know! Entries can be submitted at <https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14801>.
- **Registration now open!** Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project  
Mondays and Thursdays July 27-August 13, from 1pm - 2pm  
The 2020 year has brought awareness, changes, challenges, and different experiences into our lives, including the impacts of novel coronavirus and protests surrounding systemic racism. The Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project creates space for youth ages 13-19 to share their stories of their experiences during this year so far through the lens of their photography. Teens will have the opportunity for self-expression through a series of photography prompts, discussion with other Eaton County youth on the photos and issues, and bring awareness to their community about the issues that are affecting them during this time. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/eatonphotovoice2020/>
- **Save the date!** 4-H STEAM in the Garden SPIN Club  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 4 - 20, from 11am - noon  
Calling all aspiring gardeners! This club will dive into a different STEAM topic each week with a focus on how they are implemented in the garden! Can't

make it each week? No problem - stay connected with each week's materials via Google classroom. Registration and more information coming soon!

- **T-shirt design contest!**

Calling all Eaton County 4-Hers! Do you like art and/or graphic design? Would you like to design a t-shirt for the county? We need your creativity! Design specs: Include the phrase "Eaton County 4-H" on the shirt and include the clover logo. Please email [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) for a transparent white version of the clover logo to use in your design. Designs must be able to be screen printed in one color. You may submit just a front side design, back side design, or front and back. A tip for your design is to consider all that the 4-H program has to offer and the many projects, experiences, and opportunities! It has been several years since we've had a county 4-H t-shirt offered and the Eaton County 4-H Council board has discussed the idea of having new t-shirts made as a fundraiser for 4-H Council efforts. The board would like to collect designs to consider for t-shirts and discuss further at the next 4-H Council meeting on August 3. Designs can be submitted to [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) by July 31.

- **4-H Council meeting**

Monday, August 3, 7pm

Meeting will be held virtually, Zoom information sent closer to meeting. This meeting will discuss the t-shirt fundraiser and county award selection and banquet.

## **Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:**

- 4-H Summer Movie Series - The 4-H Summer Movie Series is a virtual SPIN Club where youth ages 13-19 will watch the scheduled movie and then participate in a weekly discussion of the films curated from NETFLIX. Running from July 15 – August 19, the Summer Movie Series films present coming of age stories through a diverse range of topics and genres. While these films share the universal themes of growth and self-discovery, they were selected to present the differences and experiences that are faced by teens who live in dissimilar settings with diverse challenges. To join for free: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hsummermovieseries>
- Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp - Join us for fun filled day where you will learn how to use a variety of communication tools including social media, video, photography. Plus practice public speaking, interviewing and dining etiquette will also be featured. Program will take place on Wednesday, July 29 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spokesperson/> by July 27.

- Venture to Adventure - Does working outside interest you? Enjoy camping, hunting, hiking, kayaking, nature photography, or fishing? Learn firsthand about careers that will keep you connected to the natural environment at the Venture to Adventure online program on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. The hour-long program will include live and video presentations from professionals in the field as well as games and interaction. Open to youth 11-19 years old. More information and register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/VenturetoAdventure/>
- Jedi Training Club and Padawan Training Club - Luce County 4-H and Mackinac County 4-H are excited to be offering new dates for both Jedi Training Club and Padawan Training Club! Loaded with Star Wars clips and discussion, each session explores a new skill of the Jedi through mindfulness, physical activities, and at home challenges. Our last sessions will be the Jedi trials, where after completion you will become a Jedi Knight. Jedi Training is open to youth ages 9+ and will run every Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. - 12 noon EST. To register visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/jeditrainingjuly15/> Padawan Training is open to youth ages 5-8 and will have a similar but simplified content to Jedi Training. The club will meet Tuesdays July 14 - August 11 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. EST. To register, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/padawanjuly14/>
- Virtual Youth Swine Camp - Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 14 - 30, from 10am - 11:15am. Various swine topics will be presenting on several topics emergent in the swine show and production industry. Topics include: The scoop on poop; why manure management is important when you are raising pigs, What does a commercial swine barn look like? Virtual MSU swine barn tour, The ins and outs of feeding pigs, Splish, splash your pig needs a bath! getting ready for the show, what should you be doing and what to take to the show, and the future of the swine industry, what is happening and why this is important! To register, visit: [https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8ymYy8ECS-aaxWB4dt2gUw](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8ymYy8ECS-aaxWB4dt2gUw) Password: pigs
- Food Preservation Series - Love jam on your toast? Do you like dill pickles? This fun hand on food preservation series will help youth learn the basic of making jams and pickling vegetables. July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be exploring Jams and Jellies. (must attend both jam/jelly classes). August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be about exploring pickling. (must attend both pickling classes). All classes start at 11:00 am and go till 12:00 pm. Open to youth 9 years old and up. Adult supervision is required. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YouthFPSummer2020/>

## **Reminders from previous email digests:**

- If you have any questions, feedback, or assistance needed in the county 4-H program, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/vYdEAoQzbhCLAAjr5>. As always, you are also welcome to reach out to me via email or the county Facebook page. If you have questions that are related to the Eaton County Fair (including livestock and small animal auctions), please contact fair board or the fair office. Information can be found on their website at <https://eatoncountyfair.com/>.
- Reminder to volunteers: Your profiles have now been added to our new volunteer management database, Volunteer Central and you should have received an email about how to access your profile. **It will be required that you complete the steps in that email prior to August 31, 2020 to remain a volunteer** so please watch for that email! Volunteers who applied in Volunteer Central (since 1/1/2020) do not need to complete anything.

## **Stay Connected!**

- Make sure to follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/>. I highly recommend making sure you have liked the Facebook page and marked "See First" and "Notifications On" under the follow settings so that you see our posts (Facebook's algorithm sometimes does not show page posts in newsfeeds, so this is the best way to ensure you will see all posts)!
- You can also find these update emails on our newsletter website for reference. Please follow the most recent letter posted for guidance on changes from the state and from our organization. You can find them at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_newsletter](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks,

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