



Eaton County

4-H Family News

March 2020

Enrollment deadline fast approaching!

Are you fully enrolled in 4-H? Do you know someone who would like to join? All 4-H members must be fully enrolled by March 15* to be eligible to show at the 2020 Eaton County Fair as a 4-H member (*NOTE: March 15 is a Sunday this year. Please pay 4-H Participation Fees to the Extension office by March 13). Not sure if you are enrolled? You can easily check! Log into your 4-H Online account and look at each member under the blue chart titled "Member/Volunteer List" and look at "Enrollment Status". The following options may appear:

- Active: Fully enrolled!
- Pending: NOT ENROLLED. You need to submit your 4-H Participation Fee to the Extension office. If you paid to your club, remind the club leader to submit the fee.
- Incomplete: NOT ENROLLED. You need to finalize and submit your enrollment. This usually happens if the signature authorization page was not correctly completed and needs to be redone.
- Inactive: NOT ENROLLED. You need to renew your 4-H Online profile. Members should receive an email from the system as well once their profile has been approved. You can check your account by visiting https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan_4_h_enrollment. If you have questions about your status listed in 4-H Online, please contact the office.

Upcoming County Meetings and Events:

PMR = Public Meeting Room (basement of Extension office); Kardel = Kardel Hall on the Eaton County Fairgrounds

- Horse Development Committee, 3/11, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Fairboard, 3/16, 7 pm, Kardel
- Dog Committee, 3/18, 6:30 pm, PMR
- Small Animal Association, 3/19, 7 pm, PMR
- Spring Leader Meeting, 3/23, 6 pm, - 8 pm, PMR
- 4-H Cloverbud Camp, 4/4, 10am—3pm, Kardel *see page 4 for registration*
- Jr Livestock Association, 4/13, 7 pm, Kardel *Buyer's Workshop*
- Fairboard, 4/20, 7 pm, Kardel
- 4-H Council, 5/4, 7 pm, PMR

Follow our Google calendar for a calendar layout of events!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar

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**Pay it Forward
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From March 1—April 30, you can support 4-H by visiting your local JOANN store and adding a donation to 4-H at the register.

The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 20% supporting Michigan 4-H.

To find out more information about this donation visit <https://bit.ly/38U22Kw>.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 7: 2020 Michigan 4-H Dog Project Leader and Youth Workshop

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

This event is for youth, ages 8 to 19, and 4-H dog project leaders to build their knowledge and skill in understanding dog care, management and training topics.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dog-project-leader-and-youth-workshop>

March 14: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Alcona EMS Station, Harrisville

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-alcona-county>

March 21: Montcalm County Fun Goat Show

Montcalm County Fairgrounds, Greenville

This is a fun and educational goat show for ages five to adult. Also included is a market and fiber hands-on educational class and a goat cart demonstration.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/montcalm-county-fun-goat-show>

March 26: Credit Craze - Basics of Credit for Youth

Online webinar

This short one hour interactive webinar will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/credit-craze-basics-of-credit-for-youth-march-26>

March 28: Norma Agnew Memorial 4-H Hairy Horse Show

Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education, Lansing

This interactive horse show will have judges using microphones and giving on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors. This event is free for all spectators.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/norma-agnew-memorial-4-h-hairy-horse-show>

April 4: 4-H Day at the Red Wings

Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan 4-H youth, families and friends are invited to cheer on the Red Wings. For every ticket purchased, \$5 will go back to your county 4-H program.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-red-wings>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

4-H Exploration Days registration opening March 10



4-H Exploration Days is Michigan 4-H's largest pre-college program and could be the highlight of your summer—maybe even change your life! Registration for this popular event will open March 10 and is open to any Michigan 4-H'er above the age of 11 as of Jan. 1.

4-H Exploration Days is designed to help youth build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. Michigan 4-H youth who participate have the

opportunity to stay in MSU campus residence halls while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay.

With more than 200 session choices held on and off campus, there are topics for everyone including animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology. During the 2019 4-H Exploration Days, nearly 2,000 youth attended and they gained important life skills like decision making, problem solving and communication.

Registration will be available beginning March 10 at 9 a.m. All registration information should be turned in to your county's Extension office, typically by the end of April. Check with your local 4-H program coordinator for your specific county date or visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-exploration-days for more information.

Celebrate Money Smart Week with 4-H Money Smarts contests

Money Smart Week is April 4-11 and to celebrate, you can win cash for you and your county 4-H program! Youth ages 13-19 have the opportunity to participate in the second annual Show Your Money Smarts Contest. During this contest, youth will learn how to use credit wisely through an online challenge. High-scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing for themselves and counties with 10 or more youth participants will be eligible to receive \$50 for their county 4-H program. Make sure to register by April 16!

Students in fifth through eighth grade also have the opportunity to participate in the Money Smart Kids Essay Contest. In partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H are asking youth to answer this year's Money Smart question for a chance to win a \$1,000 prize. To participate, youth will share what they know about predatory lenders, why people use them, what the negative consequences are, and how to avoid these types of financial risks. Essays should be 300 words or less and be submitted by March 29.

To learn more about both contests, including official rules, registration links and resources for completing the contests, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/>.

Share your photo and support 4-H with Manna Pro!

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A PROUD PARTNERSHIP WITH 4-H



From February 1 – April 30, Manna Pro is hosting a contest to build a 4-H picture mosaic online. Those pictures are integrated into tiny pieces to make a larger photo.

At the conclusion of the contest, Manna Pro will be providing the top three state 4-H programs with prizes of \$6,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000. Winners will be determined based on the number of photos uploaded in relation to the state's total population.

4-H members, supporters, and friends can upload pictures of their pet or animal to Manna Pro's contest site. In return, they will receive \$50 in coupons and help increase their state's chances at taking home a cash prize!

To learn more or participate, visit www.mannapro.com/4h.

Register NOW: 4-H Cloverbud Camp

Registration is open until March 18 for this year's 4-H Cloverbud Camp! Sick of winter/spring and ready to kick off summer? Start your summer early on Saturday, April 4, with this year's "Summer Barnyard Bash" theme (and parents—get caught up from spring break week while your kids are at camp!). 4-H Cloverbud Camp will be from 10 am—3 pm at Kardel Hall. Youth ages 5—7 as campers and youth ages 12—19 as counselors.

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/eatoncloverbudcamp2020/>

Spring Leader Update Meeting

Please save Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. on your calendars for the Spring Leader Update meeting. All clubs must send at least one registered volunteer to this meeting. The meeting will go over 4-H updates, fair information, and sign-ups for Food Shack, grey building, and fairground clean-up shifts. **It is highly important that someone from each club attends.** If nobody from your club can make the meeting, you need to meet with Kristy prior to March 31.

Revised Financial Manuals

The 4-H Financial Manuals have undergone an update! An overview of content changes are as follows:

- 2 signatories are required on bank accounts (not related to each other or youth treasurer, adults must be Gold level volunteers).
- 4-H groups must work with 4-H staff in order to apply for grants.
- Fundraisers must be approved before they can be promoted or held. If groups do not submit the Approval Form and Report Form after the fundraiser, staff may deny the group fundraising privileges in the future.
- 4-H Participation Fees collected by 4-H leaders need to be turned in within 30 days of collection.
- Treasurer's Reports must be reviewed by the group and put on file.
- A separate Annual Financial Summary Report form should be completed for each account that a 4-H group holds.

A copy of the updated volunteer and treasurer manuals will be given at the Spring Leader Update Meeting. Full manuals can also be found online at:

- Financial Manual for 4-H Volunteers: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_volunteers
- Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers: https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers

Eaton County 4-H SPIN Clubs

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What is a 4-H SPIN Club? 4-H SPIN Clubs are short-term, special interest clubs that meet for a short timeframe and focus on one topic or theme. If you are new to 4-H, you are welcome to join just for the SPIN Clubs! The cost to join 4-H is just \$20 for the year and if you are already a 4-H member, you do not have to pay this again! Some clubs may have additional fees. RSVP your spot in any or all of the clubs by emailing Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu or contacting the Extension office. Check out our upcoming 4-H SPIN Clubs:

SPIN Book Club

Do you love to read? Then the 4-H SPIN Book Club is for you! Participants will be reading *Lunch Money* by children's fiction author, Andrew Clements. Every participant will receive a copy of the book to borrow for the duration of the club. Come join us for book discussions, activities, crafts, and great times with new friends! Do you have reading hours to complete? Join the club, we'll help you complete your hours in style! The club will meet in the McLean Room at the Delta Township District Library from 6—7pm on March 3rd, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th.

4-H Robotics Club

Learn how to build and program your own robot using the LEGO EV3 robots and participate in a variety of challenges during this 6-week series. This series covers an introduction to the LEGO EV3 robots and will focus mostly on coding and programming. For ages 9—13: new members, the cost to join 4-H is \$20. For youth already enrolled in 4-H, the club is free. Scholarships are available. Club meets on March 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th, 19th, and 24th from 5—7 pm at the High Point Stables Party Barn, located at 2534 E. Vermontville Highway, Pottersville (follow the driveway until it ends).

BioBlitz SPIN Club

Students 9—13 are invited to join us as we learn how to understand, value, and protect life on our planet through interactive activities that focus on topics such as pollinators, conservation, and plant science. It is our hope that these experiences will inspire people to place greater value on the natural world, preserve the systems essential for all life on Earth, and effectively communicate the importance of biological diversity. Understanding and appreciating the organisms that inhabit our planet is a critical first step toward a more sustainable future. This club takes place every day from March 30—April 3, from 1—3pm, at the Grand Ledge Area District Library and will also feature a family engagement event showcasing the knowledge gained on Earth Day, April 22, from 6—8pm.

Gardening SPIN Clubs

The Junior Master Gardener® Program is an interdisciplinary program combining academic achievement gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school & family engagement. This curriculum marks the culmination of 5 years of research into the impact of the Junior Master Gardener program on children, schools, and families. It incorporates the best practices identified by research and combines the interdisciplinary elements of nutrition, garden service, and fresh vegetable tastings to improve health and wellness of children, families, and the community.

This club will be split into 2 sessions. Youth that attend all meetings will earn recognition and Junior Master Gardener® certification. Topics covered in session one will include: Plant Requirements, Plant Parts, Planning Space in the Garden, Garden Preparation & Planting. Topics covered in session two will include: Problem Solving in the Garden, Nutrition, Planning Healthy Meals, Taste Tests, Crop Maintenance and Pollinators.

Session 1 Dates: April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 and 19th

Session 2 Dates: May 21, June 18, June 25, July 2, 9, and 16th

Fair board

Next meeting: 3/16 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall.

Save the Date!

2020 Eaton County Fair is July 13-18. Non-livestock judging will be July 11.

Fair Theme

“Showing at the Eaton County Fair”

Swine and Dairy Feeder Tagging

Tags will be available at the Extension office starting at the Spring Leader Meeting on 3/23. Tagging must be completed and information turned in to the Extension office or superintendents by the end of April.

Horse Development Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/11 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. This meeting will further plan the June clinic.
- State 4-H Horse Show Delegate Selection Process has been updated! Find the new process online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_associations_and_committees/horse_development_committee

Small Animal Association Corner

- Next meeting: 3/19 at 7 p.m. in the PMR. All those in rabbit/cavy, poultry, and goat projects are encouraged to attend. Interested in being a species representative? There are many open positions! Learn more about your species, help shape the project area for the county, and more!

Dog Committee Corner

- Next meeting: 3/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the PMR. All those in the dog project area are encouraged to attend. This meeting will further discuss the pre-fair dog show in May.

Jr Livestock Association Corner

- Next meeting: 4/13 at 7 p.m. at Kardel Hall. All those in beef, sheep, and swine projects are encouraged to attend. This meeting will feature the buyer’s workshop. If you are thinking about selling your animals in the JLA Sale, you should attend this workshop!

4-H Council Corner

- Next meeting: 5/4 at 7 p.m. in the PMR.
- 4-H Council is sponsoring each club to purchase up to \$50 per club of 4-H curricula for club use! You can view prices and curricula types at https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/eaton_county_4_h_club_resources/ (scroll down to “Resources available for club use” and look under “Resource books”). Copies of each curricula are also available at the Extension office if you wish to see the curricula prior to deciding what the club would like to buy (Extension office copies are also available for check out or purchase depending on the curricula). Please contact the Extension office with which curricula your club would wish to purchase!