



Michigan 4-H Virtual Opportunities

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4-H Activity Guides

Download any (or all!) of our 4-H at Home Activity Guides for over 100 fun hands-on educational activities for all ages. [More information here!](#)

MSU Community Language School

Online ESL & World Language Programs - Summer 2021

MSU's Community Language School (part of the College of Arts & Letters) is offering online classes in foreign languages and ESL (in collaboration with the English Language Center) this summer. Family programs are offered to children 3-6 years of age, Kids programs for children 6-9 years, pre-teens/teens for kids ages 10-14 years and adult programs for 18 years and above. Languages include Spanish, German, Arabic, Italian, Chinese, French, Japanese and English as a Second Language. Register at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3571

(Registration deadline for Session 1: May 24th, 2021; Registration deadline for Session 2: July 5th, 2021)

For more information, visit our website: <https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/cls-online-programs/>

May Online Events

NEW! Italian Virtual Culture Experience

For everyone 8 years & above and it is free! The cultural experience will showcase language and culture sessions in four segments: 1. Language: Learn Some Basic Words and Phrases, 2. Cooking: Learn to Make a Simple Classic Dish, 3. Craft: Learn to Create a Traditional Symbol and 4. Movement: Learn Some Steps & Move to Music.

<https://forms.gle/oozETVm9dS4PMV9u9> Register by 5pm on Friday, May 14th to reserve your spot!

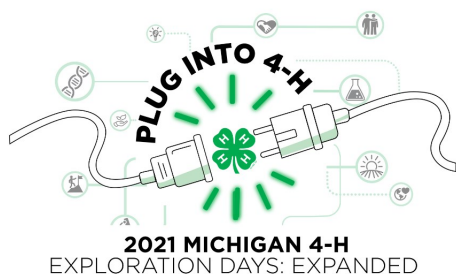
NEW! Wild Spartans: Conservation and Management of Tribal Natural Resources

Take a look into life working with fisheries and wildlife! This month we will soar the skies and jump into the waters to discover how one Michigan tribe is preserving our natural world. Join us on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 7pm

Youth will be encouraged to ask questions to learn more through a live Q&A. This free series is open to 4-H and non-4-H youth ages 12-19 years. https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

NEW! Adulting 101

Ready to be out on your own? Learn some important skills to be successful as an adult. Our Adulting 101-Spring Series includes: resume writing, public speaking, and information about renting. Bring questions and gain practical skills you can use in your everyday life. Webinars will be held on May 5, 12, and 19 from 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/adulting101spring/>



June 22-24, 2021

4-H Exploration Days: Expanded is a Michigan State University Pre-College 3-day virtual experience unlike any other! Enjoy a variety of 1-hour sessions over the three-day event, with topics ranging from learning about different cultures to making healthy smoothies to knitting!

Registration will be open May 1 to May 28

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)



NEW! Nature Crafts: Bring Outside In!

Bring nature inside and make your home green! Join us and make terrariums, dry flowers, and paint rocks using materials you gather yourself! This FREE virtual club will get you outside and leave you with living art to remember the experience. This club is open to 4-H members ages 9 and up and will be held virtually from 4-5pm ET, Tuesdays May 11th to June 15th. Register online here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/bringoutsidespinclub/>

NEW! 4-H Japanese Golden Week Celebration Series

The States' 4-H International Exchange Programs, Western Michigan University, Michigan 4-H, and Kentucky 4-H would like to invite you to join us for the 4-H Japanese Golden Week Celebration Series on April 29th and May 5th at 7-8:30pm ET/ 6-7:30pm CT/4-5:30pm PT. Please register all participants [HERE](#)! Connection information will be in the registration confirmation. If you have questions please reach out to MSU Extension Educator Janis Brinn at brinn@msu.edu or Rachel Noble with the Kentucky 4-H Program at rachel.noble@uky.edu
If the above registration link does not work, please use this link: https://uky.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3xsYW2ycE1D4RsW

2021 Michigan 4-H Virtual Meats Judging Contest

Hosted by Livestockjudging.com

This year's contest will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 11, 2021. Registration for the event will be open until 11:59 p.m. Friday, May 7, 2021. The cost for the event is \$10, and there will be a Junior (9-13) and Senior (14-19) division for youth to compete in. Awards will be given for both individuals and teams. Youth can register for the event at or <https://bit.ly/3agtP89>.

4-H Alumni & Supporters Walking Challenge

Win 4-H alumni swag and cash prizes for your county 4-H program!

The 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is excited to share a fun engagement opportunity for our alumni and supporters, where you can win prizes! Starting May 2, participants will track their steps/miles walked and compete for a top spot in the contest! Each week, top contestants will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the person who logs the most steps/miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a cash prize for their county 4-H program! The more alumni and supporters you have walking for your county the better your chances to earn that top prize so make sure to share with everyone you know! Pre-register now and tracking will begin on May 2! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/AluminiWalkingChallenge/>

Wild Nature Crafting

Are you ready for a one-of-a-kind, nature inspired SPIN club?! During the 2-part Wild Nature Crafting 4-H SPIN Club, we'll explore the great state of Michigan, gather materials from nature and learn how to use those natural materials

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to make handmade wind chimes, terrariums, and necklaces (just to name a few)! We'll meet virtually Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 5:30-6:30 pm May 3, 5, & 6th and June 14, 16, & 17th.

Register here <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WildNatureCrafting4HSPINClub/>

Exploring with Scientists

Know a young person with an interest in science and the natural world? Children ages 9-14 are invited to spend some time this spring Exploring with Scientists from the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station. Participants will be able to submit questions related to natural history, research and science careers.

May 6—Where do moths carry pollen? Learn about how moths interact with their environment, about their important role as pollinators, and how scientists are working to conserve them. [Register.](#)

Public Speaking 101

This 1 hour course is set up for youth ages 9-12 years. This session will give insight into key aspects of public speaking. This course is intended for beginners, those with little to no experience of public speaking. Youth will learn the basics of public speaking. The goal will be to help develop lifelong skills that will assist youth through their career and education. This is an Alpena 4-H Sponsored event that is open to Northern Michigan youth.

Registration is now open: <https://forms.gle/nqR2LHisz2xiyXp28>

MSU Extension Early Childhood Programs in May

Extension Extra's Parenting Hour: This free online series of parenting workshops will provide guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, concerns, and joys of parenting. Participants may register for as few or as many workshops as they wish. [Registration and information](#)

Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Families: This five week series is for parents of toddlers to teens and will explore developing routines, emotional control, rules and relationships, and being a calm, assertive parent. [Registration and information](#)

Building Early Emotional Skills (BEES) for Parents: This four week series is for parents of children ages 0-3 and will help parents learn about their young child's social emotional development including managing biting, tantrums, and supporting your child's emotions. [Registration and information](#)

Parent Talk System: This 6 week series is for parents of toddlers to teens and is designed to improve communication and provide practical verbal strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Topics include eliminating unwanted behavior, setting limits, teaching about consequences, giving effective feedback, promoting independence, and developing character. [Registration and information](#)

Family FAQs: This one hour program on the first Thursday and third Thursday of the month features MSU Extension child and family development experts answering your pressing parenting questions. [First Thursdays](#)
[Third Thursdays](#)

[Click here to submit your parenting questions](#) in advance or submit questions via Zoom or Facebook Live chat. Social media graphics are attached.

Early Childhood Professional Development Classes: These free online classes provide professional development training hours for early childhood professionals. Credit in MiRegistry system is available.

Essential Skills for Learning and Life: 5/28/21, from 1-2:30 PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zhK2nmjZQaK83sKY_s9AmQ

The Importance of Outdoor Play: 5/20/21, from 7-8:30 PM

Registration: https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_p9bk1i5JQwaXrfJaH9Y4Eg