



Ingham County

## 4-H Family News

January 15, 2021



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## Beef/Dairy Steer Tagging Change for 2021

2021 Ingham County Fair  
Beef and Dairy Steer/Heifer Project Submission Card

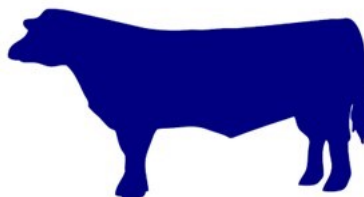
Due to Covid 19, beef and dairy steer/heifer tagging will take place at the 2021 weigh-in at Fair. A member may exhibit two (2) steers and must have project submission card/s on file in 4-H Office. An additional steer may be submitted for the same family. Please complete a card for each animal and submit along with pictures which should capture any markings on the animal. Please send or email information to 4-H Office, PO Box 319, Mason, MI 48854 or email to [lguy@ingham.org](mailto:lguy@ingham.org). Submission cards and pictures must be returned by **February 26, 2021**.

Exhibitor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional family members: \_\_\_\_\_

RDIF tag # \_\_\_\_\_



For questions call:  
Superintendent:  
Dan Dunsmore (517) 676-1730

4-H Program Coordinator:  
Glenda Weiss (517) 676-7303

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4-H information.

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<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/Ingham4H>

2021 Ingham County Fair  
August 2-7, 2021

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## LOCAL AREA NEWS



## 4-H Mark of Excellence

The "4-H Mark of Excellence Award" is a recognition opportunity designed for 11& 12-year-old 4-H members. Two essays will be selected as winners from each County across the state.

To participate, Write an essay or short story (500 words or less) that reflects on opportunities and experiences as 4-H member around the topic:

**"Because of  4-H, I can....."**

**All essays must be submitted to the county 4-H office by April 1.**  
Additional information about the award can be found online at:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_scholarships\\_and\\_recognition\\_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition)

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### Livestock Cmte Scholarships

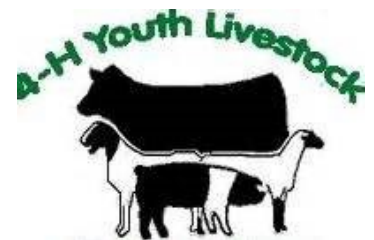
**Applications Due February 12, 2021**

Ingham County Livestock Committee is sponsoring up to six, \$500 scholarships. This is open to any alumni (**2020 graduate**) who has or still is exhibiting in the livestock project area for at least three years and are furthering their education.

For application and details, visit:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/awards-scholarships>

### Join the 4-H Livestock Committee.....

Our 4-H community requires dedicated leadership in order for our local program to thrive. The livestock committee is seeking volunteers to serve over the coming year. I challenge **EVERY** 4-H club to make nominations to these leadership roles to ensure the future of 4-H is bright in Ingham County. Not only is serving on a committee a great leadership opportunity, it also helps you stay connected and informed. Nominations and applications due **March 1st**. For applications, please visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/councils-committees/>



For questions, please contact Glenda Weiss at (517) 676-7303 or [weissgle@msu.edu](mailto:weissgle@msu.edu).

### Homegrown Verification

For beef, sheep and swine members who wish to exhibit in the homegrown classes at Fair, we must have a homegrown verification form on file in the 4-H Office by March 15 and must be signed by your project leader.



Form located on your specie page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/animal-projects/>

For questions, please contact Glenda at 676-7303.

# Youth 4-H State Award Trainings

★ January, February and March 2021  
Visit the Youth Recognition website for list  
of dates:

<http://bit.ly/stateaward>

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## Exploration Days Scheme Team

Would you like to be a voice to help influence one of the premier 4-H overnight events, Exploration Days, held at Michigan State University? Never attended Exploration Days or not highly involved in 4-H? Great! We want your feedback too! We are looking for youth ages 13-19 to help create an amazing event and fill openings in our planning team. Youth will have a role in decision-making, supporting focus groups with other youth, and helping market and promote this event! To share your interest and get more information, complete the short form located at by January 24, 2021:

<https://forms.gle/Ddoza52D3QFTSp5C6>

Questions, contact Laurie Rivetto at [rivettol@msu.edu](mailto:rivettol@msu.edu).

## Virtual 4-H Officer Training

Are you a 4-H club, association, or committee officer? Learn about the different officer roles (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and the basics of parliamentary procedure! This free virtual training using Zoom will feature a special focus on running club meetings virtually, along with the opportunity to try out various features, tips for voting in a virtual meeting, and more. The training will be youth-focused. Taught by Janelle Stewart, Extension Educator from the Leadership and Civic Engagement team. There are two dates available: Thursday, January 28, or Wednesday, March 10, both from 6 - 7:30 p.m. This training is open to all 4-Hers in the following mid and southwest Michigan counties: Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. To register, please go to: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/virtualofficertesting/>



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### 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Showcase

Test your rabbit and cavy knowledge and improve your communication skills in this state 4-H competitive event. Youth, ages 8-19, compete for awards in the following categories: Educational Brochure, Demonstration, Showmanship, Speech, Photography and Presentations. Information and registration

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanshipandeducationalshowcase/>.

## 4-H State Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship and Educational Showcase

- Educational Brochure
- PowerPoint or Slides
- Demonstration
- Showmanship
- Speech
- Photography



### Contest Information and Registration:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/showmanshipandeducationalshowcase/>

Entries due January 22, 2021

## 4-H NINJA TRAINING SPIN CLUB

**FEBRUARY 10-  
MARCH 17, 2021**

**4:30 TO 5:30 PM**

**YOUTH  
9 TO 19**

**Register at:**  
<http://bit.ly/4hninja>



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## Chocolate Covered Clovers

Chocolate Covered Clovers is a 6 week "SPIN" Club that teaches youth about the history and science behind the world's favorite sweet treat...Chocolate!

Location: Mason County  
4-H Zoom

Cost of participation:  
There is no cost but all participants must be enrolled in Mason County 4-H

Go to [mi.4honline.com](https://mi.4honline.com) to enroll

Program is open to all youth ages 5 and up

For more Information  
Contact:

Aaron Myers  
Mason County 4-H  
Coordinator  
[myersaa1@msu.edu](mailto:myersaa1@msu.edu)  
(231)845-3365



### Chocolate Covered Clovers:

Would you believe me if I told you that chocolate is actually good for you? Have you heard that it is scientifically proven that eating some chocolate when you're upset or depressed will make you feel happier? Did you know that in ancient Aztec and Mayan culture cacao beans (the main ingredient in chocolate) were considered more valuable than gold and were offered as sacrifices to the Gods? Considering how much the world loves this tasty brown treat, not very many know about the science and history behind its creation or the current events surrounding it today.

Become a 4-H Chocolateeer and...

- Learn about the history and science of chocolate
- Learn the secrets of all the best chocolate makers in history and how they made it big
- Learn how to craft your own chocolate treats at home

Participants will receive a list of supplies prior to each meeting in order to conduct each activity. All supplies will be ones you can find at your local grocery store.

Meetings will be held Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 beginning January 28, 2021 and going thru March 4, 2021.

To enroll, simply go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and select Mason County as the county you want to enroll in and Chocolate Covered Clovers as the club you want to sign up for. If you are already enrolled, contact your local 4-H PC to add the club to your profile.

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## Teen Photo Project

Michigan teens are invited to take part in this exciting program that unites photographers across the state. Youth who participate in the project will be guided by experienced staff members from [MSU Extension's Children and Youth Institute](https://www.msu.edu/) and the [Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum](https://www.msu.edu/eli). Staff will lead and facilitate small groups of youth (8-10 youth per group) who will meet weekly Feb. 1 – Mar. 22, 2021 using the online Zoom meeting platform. During weekly Zoom meetings, youth participants will learn basic photography skills and form relationships with other teens from across Michigan. Access to a digital camera is not required, youth will be able to participate in the project successfully using the camera on a smartphone. Participation is free and open to Michigan youth ages 13–19. Learn more and register by Jan. 24 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice3/>

Participants' final work will be exhibited at the [MSU Broad Art Lab gallery](https://www.msu.edu/broad-art-lab) from May 15–Aug. 14, 2021. This exhibition will serve to expand on the experiences and voices as a way to educate others and advocate for positive changes in our communities and our state.

## VISUALIZING A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER



Image: Becca T., Saranac, MI

## A MICHIGAN TEEN PHOTO PROJECT



## “Virtual” Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

The “Virtual” Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration is still open to teens, 4-H members and non-members aged 13 (by Jan. 1, 2021) and older. This first-time virtual workshop is also open to 4-H staff, adult 4-H volunteers and adults who work with youth in a variety of educational settings. The goal is for individuals who are willing to re-teach the skills they learn and knowledge they gain in their communities and to have creative fun in a virtual environment! The deadline to register January 26<sup>th</sup> will soon be here! Here's the link to register:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-virtual-creative-arts-celebration>



## National 4-H Summit on Healthy Living

The National 4-H Summit on Healthy Living will be virtual and held February 12-15, 2021. The cost is \$75 per youth or adult. Michigan 4-H Healthy Living would like to have one or more teams attend. Please promote this opportunity with high school students in your county that are interested in healthy living or any of the below topics. We created an application form for interested youth to complete. Partial scholarships will be available, and the amount will be determined once we know how many youth are interested in attending. The deadline to apply is January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Participants will pick between the below tracks:



- Food Insecurity
- Health Equity
- Physical Fitness
- Substance Abuse
- Nutrition
- Mental Health
- Adult Track for Professional Development





## 4-H League of Clovers Live!

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The beacons have been lit!  
Rally to the Clover Banner!

You have been invited to  
join the Mason County 4-H  
League of Clovers Gaming  
Society in a quest to save  
our realm from the forces  
of darkness.

February 27, March 6, and  
March 13, 2021  
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

For more Information

Contact:

Aaron Myers  
Mason County 4-H  
Coordinator  
myersaa1@msu.edu  
(231)301-5622



### Fell deeds awake:

We have raised the banner and now call for your aid!

The Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society is hosting a virtual Dungeons and Dragons quest. Can your wizard cast a spell that shakes the very mountains you stand on? Are you a brave paladin ready to charge his warhorse into the orkish ranks? Or are you a quiet ranger who deftly stalks his forest trying to defend it from invaders?

If you are ANY of these things and more, you are invited to register with the Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society and take part. Participants will meet via zoom on February 27, March 6, and March 13 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm and take part in virtual quests administered by our Dungeon Masters.

Registration will open January 15, 2021 and will remain open February 24, 2021. Space is limited to 20 people and 8 alternates so make sure you register as soon as possible. Alternates will be able to sit in on any quest they like and follow along in case there is an absence.

This event is open to all youth ages 10 thru 19.

In order to be considered fully registered, participants must:

1. Go to website to register.
2. Visit the 4-H Online 2.0 website to enroll in the Mason County 4-H League of Clovers program.

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The animals you  
tame in traditional  
4-H...



The animals you  
tame in 4-H League  
of Clovers Gaming  
Society...



Come join us for a virtual Dungeons  
& Dragons quest, February 27,  
2021!

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League of Clovers  
Gaming Society  
231-845-3365



If the barbarian has  
ten gold pieces, and  
the rogue steals half  
of it, what does the  
rogue take?

Damage...the Rogue takes  
damage.

Mason County 4-H  
League of Clovers will  
be hosting a virtual  
Dungeons & Dragons  
quest on February  
27, March 6, and March  
13. Toss a coin to your  
Witcher and register  
today!



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Gaming Society  
231-845-3365

In traditional 4-H, you sometimes  
talk to your animals...



In the gaming society, the  
animals talk back...and so  
does the tree...and that  
statue...and the treasure  
chest in the corner has been  
awfully chatty...

Mason County 4-H  
League of Clovers  
Gaming Society  
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## Adulting 101

This exciting FREE series of Adulting 101 is being offered for high school youth and young adults to help prepare for life on your own. Different session topics will be offered on Thursdays in January from 4-5 p.m. EST.

**January 14 - International Conversations:** Join us for a cultural conversation live and ask questions that interest you.

**January 21 - Goal Setting:** Turn your goals into reality with these SMART tips.

**January 28 - Food Safety:** We all love to eat! Learn how to properly store, cook, and handle your food with safety in mind.

Youth can register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/adulting101/index> for any and all sessions!



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# ADULTING 101

January 14, 21, and 28  
4:00 p.m.



[www.canr.msu.edu/adulting101](http://www.canr.msu.edu/adulting101)



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# VIRTUAL LEARNING TOOLS WEBSITE

Parents, Teachers, and Homeschool Families

<https://www.extension.msu.edu/virtual-learning-tools>

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## Crafts & Cultures Around The World

**REGISTRATION**  
V2.4honline.com

**CLUB**  
SPIN-Crafts and Cultures  
Around the World

**COST:** Free

**FURTHER  
INFORMATION:**  
weissg@msu.edu or  
517-676-7303

**LOCATION:**  
Virtual—you will receive  
the link upon  
registration

**SUPPLIES:**  
These activities require a  
small amount of  
household supplies that  
you probably have or  
easy to acquire.



### Who should attend:

Youth ages 5-19 and volunteers who are interested in learning more about crafts and cultures from around the world.

### Description:

Enjoy learning how to make simple crafts from all seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Europe, Asia, Australia, North America and South America. Explore the cultures in countries within the seven continents.

### Topics with Date All will be at 7:00 p.m.

- December 8—Origami 4-H Clover (Asia)
- December 15—Paper Beads (Africa)
- December 22—Huichol Picture: Yarn Art (North America)
- January 5—Rain Sticks (South America)
- January 12—Polish Wycinanki: Traditional cut-paper (Europe)
- January 19—Inuit Soap Stone Carvings: Soap carving (Antarctica)
- January 26—Indigenous Art: Aboriginal Dot Painting (Australia)



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## 4-H MINECRAFT SPIN CLUB

An introduction to computer coding  
through the world of Minecraft!  
Open to all youth age 8 to 12.

Sign up by January 21st!  
Starts: Monday, January 25-29, 2021  
From: 10-11:15am

Questions: Christine Miller email at  
johns832@msu.edu or call  
(517)552-6905



Macomb + Eaton County 4-H Present

# ART + ACTIVISM

VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY, FIND THE ARTIST  
AND ACTIVIST IN YOU.

January 5th - February 23rd | Every Tuesday  
6:00 PM - 7:00 pm est.  
via zoom

FREE AND OPEN TO  
YOUTH AGES 9 - 13

Please email Ally Baird (bairdal2@msu.edu) with any questions  
Register here: <https://bit.ly/37Kr4fj>

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Are you ready to explore?

# Unsolved Mysteries

**Case File:** Unsolved Mysteries

**Inspector:** All MI 4-H Youth (ages 8+ recommended)

**When:** Mon & Fri, Feb 1-19, 4-5 pm

**Location:** Zoom (link sent upon registration)

**Register here to take the case:**  
<https://forms.gle/yAVCNN2wiGjJBSSq7>

**Lead Inspector:** Ashley Freed,  
[freedash@msu.edu](mailto:freedash@msu.edu)

**For More Information:**

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Ashley Freed STEAM Corps Member


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# THE GREAT MONEY GAMES CHALLENGE

A VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Jan. 11- 27  
5- 6 PM via Zoom





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## Keeping Kids Safe

We would like to take a moment and share new resources that have been developed by the SAFE team for parents and volunteers.

[Keeping Kids Safe: Preventing Grooming by Child Sexual Predators](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe: How Child Sexual Predators Groom Adults, Families, and Communities](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe: How Child Sexual Predators Groom Children](#)

I would also like to take a quick moment to remind you of the other resources that are also available.

[Keeping Kids Safe: Ages 12-17](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe: Ages 6-11](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe: Ages 0-5](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe: The downside to "sharenting" on social media](#)

[Keeping Kids Safe Virtually: Best Practices](#)



## COOKING WITH KRISTI

Learn

- new recipes
- kitchen safety
- cooking terms & techniques

Your free enrollment includes access to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable info.

This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Cooking2021/>

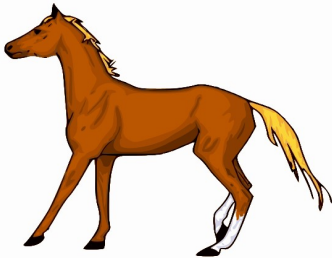


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## ANY QUESTIONS?

Email Taylor Fabus at [tenlenta@msu.edu](mailto:tenlenta@msu.edu). More details and registration information (when available) can be located at:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/)



**2021 DATES**

- ✓ Horse Judging Camp  
- Registration February 1
- ✓ Horse Science Camp  
- Tuesdays in March
- ✓ Horse Judging Contest  
- April 10  
- Class list March 1
- ✓ Hippology Contest  
- April 11
- ✓ Ride Across the State  
- 6 wks starting in April
- ✓ Communications Contest  
- Beginning in May

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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirtualEquineScienceCamp/>

**Sign Up Now!**

**2021**

**Michigan 4-H Virtual**

**Equine Science Camp**

**Beginning in March. Space is limited! \$35 registration fee includes kit, t-shirt & 6 weeks of instruction.**





**VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB**

# AMONG US

**PART 2 - THE TASKS CONTINUE**

By popular demand, the most SUS club around is back!  
Join us to help find more imposters and play Among Us.

**When: January 19, January 20, January 21,  
January 26, January 27, January 28,  
February 2, February 3, & February 4  
4 - 5 PM EST**

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

**MUST REGISTER ON  
4-H ONLINE TO GET ACCESS TO CLUB**

Limited to the first 25 4-H Members

Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up

Please visit [bit.ly/4-HAmongUs2](https://bit.ly/4-HAmongUs2)  
to receive more information about this club  
and how to register on 4-H Online



**For More Info:**  
 Bay County 4-H  
 @BayCounty4H

**Lance Fowler**  
fowler37@msu.edu

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## 2021 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes



Are you planning to apply for a 2021 Michigan 4-H State Award or submit a Mark of Excellence essay? The timeline for these exciting programs has changed!

**The deadline to submit applications or essays is now April 1, 2021.**

Applications will again be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Additional information regarding the awards program will be forthcoming. Learn more and apply at: [extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards](https://extension.msu.edu/4HStateAwards).

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## SUCCESS AND SAFETY ON VOLUNTEER-LED VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

**January 21 | 1:00 pm EST**  
 Register Here:  
<https://bit.ly/3oA5K3i>

**OR**

**January 26 | 6:30 pm EST**  
 Register Here:  
<https://bit.ly/36VOOyf>



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# JEDI TRAINING

WITH LUCE AND MACKINAC COUNTY 4-H



ARE YOU THE JEDI WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

Explore the skills of the Jedi through mindfulness, physical activities and at home challenges.



TUESDAYS JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 23

4:30 - 5:30PM

OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 7 AND UP



For more information, please email:

Jessica Price at [brown130@msu.edu](mailto:brown130@msu.edu) or Susan Kirkman [kirkmans@msu.edu](mailto:kirkmans@msu.edu)

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## What's all the buzz?

Join 4-H staff to learn about bee program opportunities in 4-H!

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

7:00pm via Zoom

Preregistration required at

[https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_1ftYjVQvSRaIKHmNsMXb\\_A](https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1ftYjVQvSRaIKHmNsMXb_A)

This webinar is open to any youth and adults wanting to learn more about 4-H bee programs in Michigan.

### Topics of discussion:

- 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest
- Upcoming statewide SPIN Club
- Successes of beekeeping clubs
- How to start a local 4-H bee club
- Educational bee apiaries
- ... and more!



Sign Up Now!

2021

Michigan 4-H Virtual



Canine Science Camp

Beginning in March. Space is limited! \$35 registration fee includes kit, t-shirt & 5 weeks of instruction.

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for middle school girls

ASPIRE<sup>IT</sup>  
an NCWIT Program



## code & connect

Join NCWIT AspireIT Code & Connect, a **free** MSU and Troy High led, **virtual/online** website coding club!

No coding experience necessary.

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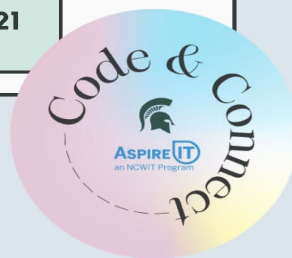
**Jan 30th, 2021 - April 10th, 2021**  
**Every Tuesday & Saturday**

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<https://www.egr.msu.edu/codeandconnect/>



\*Seats are limited, please register interest as soon as possible!

Contact us for questions or concerns  
[codeandconnect2021@gmail.com](mailto:codeandconnect2021@gmail.com)



**ARE YOU READY TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE GREATEST FAIR FOOD EVER CREATED RIGHT IN YOUR VERY OWN HOME? JOIN US ON 4-H IN THE KITCHEN LIVE AND WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADE BAKED CORNDOGS!**

February 20, 2021| 2:00 pm

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCornDogs/>



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## LET'S HAVE A LEGO CHALLENGE!

*Join us for our Lego 4-H Spin Club! Each session you will be provided with a new challenge to add to the building fun!*

Free and open to youth 9 and up

When: Jan 25, Jan 27, Feb 1, Feb 3, Feb 8, Feb 10  
4-5pm EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom App

*For registration info please email Luckeyje@msu.edu*



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**TIME Magazine  
selects 4-H'er as  
"Kid of the Year"**



Congratulations to Colorado 4-H'er Gitanjali Rao, TIME Magazine's Kid of the Year! At age 15, Gitanjali is the first 4-H'er to ever be selected for the honor.

Gitanjali earned the distinction for her efforts to address a range of major problems. Utilizing STEM, she has worked on issues that include contaminated drinking water, opioid addiction and cyberbullying. It is her belief that young innovators such as her hold the key to solving world problems.

Read more about Gitanjali's 4-H story and experiences in her interview with TIME:

<https://time.com/5916772/kid-of-the-year-2020/>.

## Update on Michigan 4-H programming

*A message from MSU Extension Director Jeff Dwyer and Jake DeDecker, state leader of Michigan 4-H Youth Development*



To say that 2020 was difficult is an understatement. The COVID-19 pandemic and the losses and life changes that came along with it took its toll on many of us. At MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H, we felt the pain that comes with cancelling events and pivoting exclusively to online programming.

You'd be hard pressed to find anyone—inside or outside Extension—who isn't eager to get back to face-to-face programming. We understand that our Michigan 4-H families are missing incredible experiences and connections that were built through in-person gatherings and programs.

We are making plans to resume face-to-face programming, and we look forward to engaging

4-H'ers, their families and volunteers. Our staff is working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when the threat to public health caused by COVID-19 greatly diminishes. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, we are eager to see you all at the events, club meetings, competitions and fairs we all have grown to love.

In the meantime, we are committed to bringing high-quality virtual programming to residents and communities with varying needs throughout the state. We encourage 4-H'ers and clubs to continue meeting via zoom and engage in the many virtual educational programs offered by 4-H. For more information on virtual programs and resources or help setting up 4-H club meetings, contact your

4-H program coordinator or visit MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources web page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/rtr/>. Thank you for all that you do. We hope to see you soon.



## World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute applications due April 1

**AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. On May 6, youth will join virtually to become inspired and prepared as the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and how it is affected by one of 20 key factors that impact food security. At the online event, youth will present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They will also participate in an interactive session with global challenge experts to learn more about topics related to global food and food security.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be considered as possible delegates to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, or virtually, in October. For more information, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/). Registration will open on March 1; registration and papers are due by April 1.

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## 4-H Events and Workshops

February 1-28: Cooking with Kristi

*Online*

This six-part on-demand video series will provide participants with access to instructional cooking videos and a private Facebook group. Youth will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, recipes for tasty and economical foods, and cooking techniques and terms.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi)

February 2: Life of the Straits Winter Edition

*Zoom Webinar*

The program will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 9. Each session will share information on amazing features of the Straits of Mackinac and the wonderful winter activities you can enjoy there. This program is ideal for youth 8-12 years but is open to any family.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2)

February 9: Wild Spartans Series— Working with Honeybees

*Zoom Webinar*

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In February, attendees will hear from an entomologist and learn what the buzz really is about bees!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february)

February 13: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

*Zoom Webinar*

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! Sessions will be held monthly.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13)

February 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series

*Zoom Webinar*

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-feb-18](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-feb-18)

February 20: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Baked Corndogs

*Zoom Webinar*

Participants will learn how to prepare a healthier version of a corndog.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-corndogs](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-corndogs)

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

**Coming soon: virtual  
4-H Capitol  
Experience Youth  
Summit**



Save the date for the 4-H Capitol Experience Youth Summit, March 13, 17 and 20!

This fully virtual event will have opportunities for youth engagement, networking, sharing ideas, meeting with decision makers, learning about careers in and around policy, and learning the basics about government.

Youth will select issue groups, which will become small group learning cohorts throughout the event.

Sessions will be held:

- March 13, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- March 17, 4—6 p.m.
- March 20, 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

This event is open to youth in eighth grade through age 19; registration will begin in February. The \$20 cost to attend will include a mailed conference kit to enhance the virtual experience.

Scholarships are available.



Hear from a panel of 4-H volunteers about their successes on staying connected with youth members and their families in a virtual environment. Volunteers in attendance will leave sessions with new ideas and inspiration for interacting with 4-H program participants.

## 4-H Volunteer BRAINSTORMING SESSIONS

**Wednesday, January 27th, 12:30-1:30pm**

**Thursday, January 28th, 7:00-8:00pm**

Preregistration required at the link in the description.



**4-H GROWS HERE**

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### Volunteer Survey

As a Michigan 4-H volunteer we are interested in your feedback. The information from this survey will help us to develop virtual and face to face programming resources. Please complete the survey by February 5, 2021. We appreciate your support!

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## MICHIGAN 4-H VOLUNTEER SURVEY

**As a volunteer, give feedback on what needs you have in the virtual world and share how staff can be of support in virtual and face-to-face settings.**



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