

*Ingham County*

4-H Family News

January 29, 2021

4-H Exploration Days is going virtual in 2021

One of many highlights for our Michigan 4-H participants and staff each year is 4-H Exploration Days: a three-day event where youth and adults from across the state gather on campus to grow their knowledge and skills. As 4-H families begin to plan for this exciting summer event, it is in the interest of the health and safety of all participants that Michigan State University Extension has made the decision to shift 4-H Exploration Days to a virtual format in 2021.

During the week of June 21, 2021, MSU Extension will present "4-H Exploration Days: Expanded." This online opportunity will offer a virtual alternative to the treasured event, alleviating the public health risks associated with gathering more than 2,000 people from throughout the state in one place. The online program will focus on skill development and exploring new experiences. Look for additional details in the coming weeks!

MSU Extension remains committed to resuming in-person programming when the public health crisis caused by COVID-19 has lessened. The decision regarding 4-H Exploration Days does not indicate that all 2021 4-H summer programming will be virtual. Rather, the decision reflects on the unique nature of 4-H Exploration Days, an event that brings together participants from across the state to live and learn alongside one another for several days and nights. The size and scope of this event, combined with a number of uncertainties that remain at this point in the novel coronavirus pandemic, led us to make an early decision about a face-to-face 4-H Exploration Days event this year.

We appreciate your continued interest in Michigan 4-H programming and for your support and understanding of our efforts to protect participant health. We look forward to seeing you at "4-H Exploration Days: Expanded" in June and hope to be back together on campus in 2022!

Yours in 4-H,
Jake Dedecker
State Leader, Michigan 4-H Youth Development



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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>

Beef/Dairy Steer Tagging Change for 2021

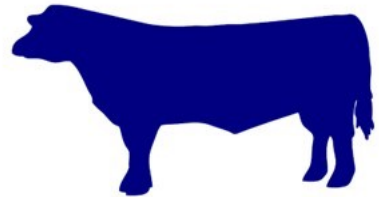


2021 Ingham County Fair Beef and Dairy Steer/Heifer Project Submission Card

2021 Ingham County Fair
August 2-7, 2021

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. Submission cards and pictures must be returned by **February 26, 2021**.

RDIF tag # _____



Exhibitor Name: _____

4-H Club or FFA Chapter: _____

Additional family members: _____

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

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

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.



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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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

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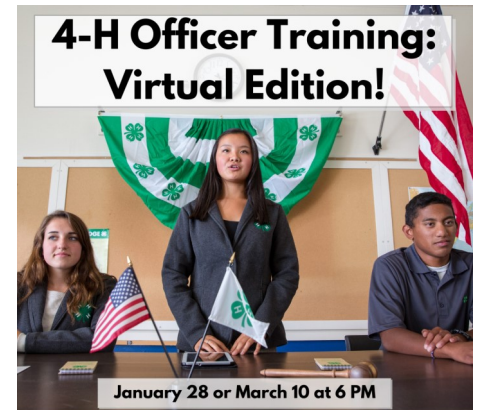
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STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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. Available Wednesday, March 10, 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/virtualofficertraining/>



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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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LEGO Challenge



Join us for another 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: Feb 22, 24, 26 and March 1, 3, 5

4:30-5:30pm EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom App

For registration info please email Luckeyje@msu.edu



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FREE AND OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

STEAM CAREERS SPIN CLUB

MARCH 2ND - APRIL 6 | EVERY TUESDAY
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST.
VIA ZOOM APP



TO REGISTER, YOUTH MUST BE ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS
THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

PLEASE EMAIL ALLY BAIRD (BAIRDAL2@MSU.EDU) OR KATHY JAMIESON
(JAMIES13@MSU.EDU) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



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SKILLATHON REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

What is the Skillathon?

A comprehensive test of your knowledge about all things agriculture, especially livestock! Participants will complete multiple choice questions in the areas of:

Beef, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry, and General Knowledge (Animal Care & Well-Being, Tools, Crops, Biosecurity, etc.).

Who is eligible?

Compete with youth from your region for prizes and the chance to advance to the State Championship on April 10th.

Competition Levels :
Novice (Ages 8-11)
Junior (Ages 12-14)
Senior (Ages 15-19)
Adult (20+)

Contestants that finish in the top 20th percentile are eligible to compete for the State Championship title.

To get more information and to register for your regional event, please click on this link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/skillathon/>.

2021 SKILLATHON

Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.



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**Registration is Open for the
Southwestern Regional - Sat. Mar. 13**
events.anr.msu.edu/skillathon/



Join Us Online

VIRTUAL LEARNING TOOLS WEBSITE

Parents, Teachers, and Homeschool Families

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

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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.

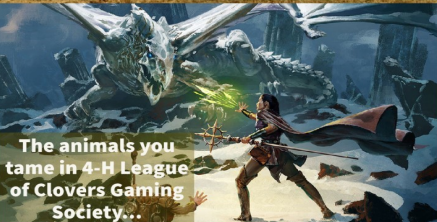
This event is open to all youth ages 10 thru 19.

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...



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

Mason County 4-H
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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League of Clovers
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...

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Gaming Society
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ANY QUESTIONS?

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

https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/

HORSE JUDGING

Camp

February 2021

Experts from 4 universities! Topics to include:

- Note taking & reasons
- Halter classes
- Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Oral reasons with feedback!

\$30

Online course with at-home assignments, 4 interactive meetings, reasons critiques, quizzes & more!

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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.

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



For More Information:

Luce County MSU Extension
Mackinac County MSU Extension
Ashley Freed STEAM Corps Member

Find us on Facebook: Luce County 4-H
Mackinac County 4-H
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JOIN US ONLINE

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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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.



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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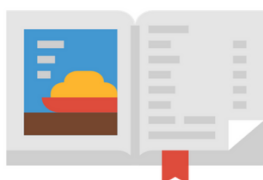
Winter Bird Feeding Kits

COME JOIN THE FUN FOR ANY YOUTH THAT
ENJOYS BIRDS AND THE OUTDOORS.
KITS WILL BE MAILED OUT TO YOUR HOME.
REGISTRATION OPENS FEB 5TH THROUGH FEB
12TH. KITS COST \$10.00 PER YOUTH. ALL
SUPPLIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE KITS.

USE THE LINK BELOW TO GET REGISTERED
TODAY!!

[HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/WINTERBIRDFEED
INGKITS/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/winterbirdfeedingkits/)

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MOLLIE HOGG 4-H
PROGRAM COORDINATOR @
HOGGMOLL@MSU.EDU



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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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](#)

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 or Susan Kirkman 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

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!



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Sign Up Now!

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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^{IT}
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.

Learn to design and code your own website!

Meet other girls and unleash your creative powers!

Program Dates:

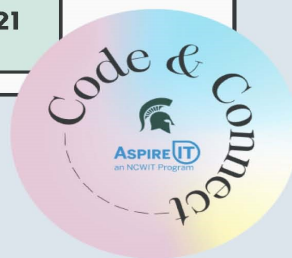
Jan 30th, 2021 - April 10th, 2021
Every Tuesday & Saturday

Scan the QR code to register interest and learn more...



Or visit:

<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

Connections Through Signing: American Sign Language Beginners Series



Every Wednesday
February 3rd - March 24th
6:30 - 8:00pm EST
Open to youth 9 - 19
Via Zoom
registration is limited to 45

Register at:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/beginnerasl3/>

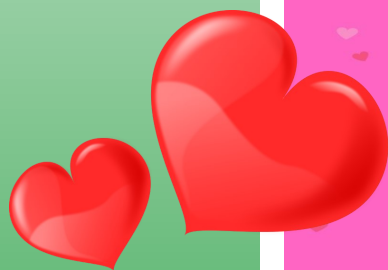
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Shiawassee County 4-H

VALENTINE TREAT SPIN CLUB
SPECIAL DELIVERY!!!

Join this 6 session virtual SPIN club as we indulge into making 6 different Valentine's Day treats that require NO BAKING. This is open to 4-H members and NON 4-H members geared for ages 8 & up, but all ages welcome with parental supervision. This is a fun FREE event designed to create Valentine treats.

February 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11
at 5:00 pm

Please register with ANR Events and sign up in 4-H Online. Upon registration you will receive a confirmation email with link and password for entrance to this Zoom event, and a small grocery list of items needed for your creations. Please Register by January 29th.

Questions please contact Martina Valdez
valdez3@msu.edu



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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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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!

[https://
msu.co1.qualtrics.com/
jfe/form/
SV_d5dU2WLEGPBQML
3](https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d5dU2WLEGPBQML3)

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.

