



Ingham County

# 4-H Family News

November 20, 2020



## 4-H GROWS HERE

### Titanium Tickets at the Ingham County Fair

Titanium Tickets are a special offer for 2020! This special offer is an \$800 value for just \$275.00 on Black Friday and \$325.00 November 28-December 1. There is a limited amount of tickets available.

#### What is a Titanium Ticket?

Titanium Tickets enables you and a guest to attend every day of the fair for the next ten years. That's right, every day the fair is open in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030

#### Me and a guest?! Really?

Yes! Titanium Ticket holders are permitted to bring a guest with them each day they come to the Fair. You can even bring someone different each day.

#### Is this really a good deal?

You betcha! Annual passes will be \$40 per person starting in 2021. This pays for itself after year 3!

#### What else should I know before I buy the ticket?

- Tickets are non-refundable
- Tickets are non-transferrable
- Ticket purchaser must be present at the time of the entry and must present a valid form of ID upon entry.
- Ticket purchaser and guest must abide by all Ingham County Fairgrounds rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the Titanium Ticket. In such a case, the ticket will be void and no monies will be refunded.
- Titanium Tickets hold no cash value.
- Once purchased, the tickets will be mailed via United States Postal Service to the address on file. Each ticket will include the name of the purchaser. This person then becomes the ticket holder, and must be present at the time of entry with a valid ID.

#### Wow, what a great deal! How do I get a Titanium Ticket?

- Tickets will go on sale on Friday, November 27, 2020 at 10am. The price is \$275.00. All fees are waived.
- If there are tickets remaining after Friday, November 27, tickets will be available for \$325.00 November 28-December 31 or until they sell out. All fees have been waived.

The link to purchase tickets will be found here at 10am on November 27:

<https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/fairingham/6427>

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#### Ingham County 4-H

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

#### Facebook

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



## STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

### Virtual Creative Arts Celebration—February 19-21, 2021

#### Calling all Creative and Crafty People

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration is going **VIRTUAL** Feb 19-21, 2021. We need instructors interested in teaching an activity session online via zoom.

To teach a session complete this google form <https://forms.gle/rgYtaXy2ChWM5WAF8>

What you need to know:

- All sessions are scheduled for 2.5 hours online through zoom – 2 hours of activities (this could be multiple short activities) and 30 minutes for technical difficulties and questions.
- Each participants will need to purchase their own supplies – consider activities with easy to find and inexpensive supplies
- We are looking for sessions in 3 primary areas: 1) Arts and Crafts, 2) Performing Arts and 3) clothing and textiles
- All Instructors need to be 4-H Volunteer Selection Process certified Gold Level Volunteers

### 4-H Sooper Yooper Scavenger Hunt

Are YOU a Sooper Yooper? Do you think you know everything there is to know about the UP? Challenge your family through a scavenger hunt to test your Yooper knowledge! Whether you live here, have a cabin here, vacation here, or have never visited-- you are sure to learn some fun facts about the UP while completing missions on the GooseChase app. From November 25-29<sup>th</sup>, participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, cabin, or wherever your family will be during this time! All you need is a smart phone or tablet with a camera for this FREE family program. Any youth 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to their phone or tablet; younger

youth or youth without a phone or tablet can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play as a family team. Prizes will be awarded!



Registration: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/SooperYooperChallenge/>

### 4-H Exploration Days Instructors Needed

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2021 4-H Exploration Days event! Does this interest you or someone you know? Submit your session idea by Dec. 1 for your chance to become a session instructor! Learn more today:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h.../Volunteer-Information/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h.../Volunteer-Information/)



## Virtual showcase and auction success



When the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of many Michigan fairs, MSU

Extension and Michigan 4-H were proud to team up with local community partners to provide an online platform that supported the 4-H experience and continued longtime traditions. Though not the same as a county fair, 4-H virtual learning showcases and auctions provided a space

developed in 4-H, receive feedback on projects. Though there were many

learning curves and bumps in the road, the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season led to many successes and for that, we say THANK YOU.

Here's a look back at the 2020 4-H virtual showcase and auction season:

- 58 counties offered a 4-H virtual showcase and/or auction for youth
- 17 virtual auctions were held
- 7,294 entries were submitted
- 2,699 youth participated
- 3,764 buyers/donors registered for virtual auctions
- \$1.4 million was spent by donors and buyers at 4-H virtual auctions



"We are grateful to partners who have collaborated with us to host these virtual events for 4-H'ers, as well as all the buyers who supported them," said Jake DeDecker, MSU Extension's state 4-H leader for Michigan 4-H. "We're also grateful to each of the youth who took part in this new experience and made the best of a tough situation."

Participating youth also had positive feedback:



- "The week at the county fair is always a huge event for my family that we look forward to year round. This year sure was different, but we are so blessed to have the virtual option and thankful for all of the hardworking volunteers that put these events on!"
- "Thanks so much for all of your support this year, we can't thank you enough! What a challenging year for sure. Thank you for making a virtual fair happen when everyone could have simply just cancelled everything. You made it possible and we can't thank you enough."

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**Support Michigan  
4-H with holiday  
shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H'ers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.





JOIN US ONLINE

# SUCCESS AND SAFETY ON VOLUNTEER-LED VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

December 2 | 12:30 pm EST

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/361FZkN>

OR

December 14 | 3 pm EST

Register Here:

<https://bit.ly/214yC42>



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Join Us Online

# VIRTUAL LEARNING TOOLS WEBSITE

Parents, Teachers, and Homeschool Families

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

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# Investigating Food with Science

## The Science Behind Food Safety

A FREE after school online program exploring how cooking is an experiment and baking is a science.

**Wednesdays at 4 p.m. EDT**

- Dec. 2 Can you make a volcano?
- Dec. 9 Making a bird feeder!
- Dec. 16 Candy cane ornaments!

For more information and to register for these free online workshops visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/InvestigatingFoodwithScience/>  
To join by phone, call in advance to register at 877-643-9882.

## ENHANCE YOUR 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB AND PROJECT MEETINGS

# ON TARGET TUESDAYS

Series of FREE Shooting Sports Workshops featuring Olympic Athletes and USA Top Shooters

SHOTGUN ◊ RIFLE ◊ ARCHERY ◊ PISTOL

6:30-7:30 pm PST

**OCT 6, 13, 20 & 27      NOV 3, 10 & 17      DEC 1**

Register for these webinars through your Zoom account:  
[https://wsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7KOfRuI9TTmOUewf7mxLuA](https://wsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7KOfRuI9TTmOUewf7mxLuA)

Sponsored by Washington State 4-H Shooting Sports



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The mission of 4-H is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. Extension programs are open to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.



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## MSU's Institute of Agricultural Technology Virtual Open House!



## Institute of Agricultural Technology

You're invited to attend a virtual open house for the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology to learn more about [MSU's academic programs](#) and many [partnerships with Michigan community colleges](#).

The open house events begin at 6:30 p.m. and will run approximately 45 minutes. The presentation will include information about academic programs, career pathways, enrollment process, resources for student success, and key campus life opportunities, as well as providing an opportunity for youth to ask questions at any point throughout the presentation.

To register, click on the preferred date below:

[Tuesday, November 17](#)  
[www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/iat-virtual-open-house-17-nov-2020)

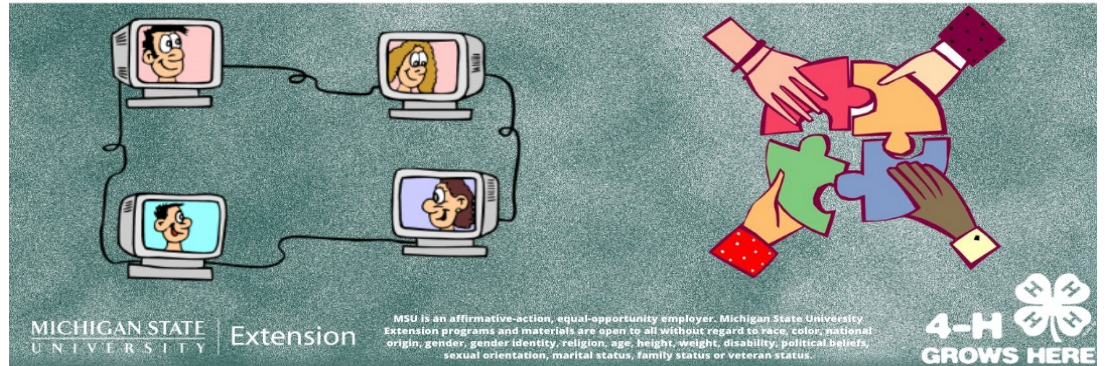
Questions?  
Contact [ati.iat@msu.edu](mailto:ati.iat@msu.edu) or call 517-884-7334.



# STEP

## SUPPORTIVE TEENS EMPOWERING PEERS

**Are you missing the ability to connect with friends and peers? Looking for an opportunity to get to know other teens in your area? Join the 4-H STEP (Supportive Teens Empowering Peers) SPIN Club from November 18 – January 13 on Wednesdays from 4 – 5pm! This club provides an opportunity for teens ages 13- 19 to connect virtually with peers through fun games, social interaction, and more! Created by teens from the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council with support from 4-H staff. This opportunity is open to all youth statewide. For more information and to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hstep1/>.**



## Travel the World in a Day!

**Virtual Culture Experience  
Saturday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> 1-4pm**



# States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal Program



CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM  
AROUND THE GLOBE THIS WINTER!

**OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS FROM  
MID JANUARY - MID APRIL 2021!**

## Steps to Participate

### Sign up!

- 1) Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY> and fill in your information.

### Match!

- 2) We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).

### Connect!

- 3) Write at least twice per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least two messages per month).

### Make Friends!

- 4) Share fun facts about your daily life and culture with your pen pal. Be sure to check out our recommended topics of the month as a starting point for your messages.

### Share!

- 5) At the end of the program we will be creating an online space for participants to share what they learned from their pen pal.



**LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS  
THIS WINTER!**



**TIS THE SEASON TO BE BAKING! JOIN US FOR A 4-H IN THE KITCHEN EVENT WHERE OUR SPECIAL GUEST CHEF WILL SHOW US HOW TO MAKE A SPECIAL BATCH OF HOLIDAY EGGNOG SCONES!**

Saturday, December 19, 2020 | 2:00 pm

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



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## AGENTS OF KINDNESS SPIN CLUB

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



**FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 9 - 13**

Are you interested in getting involved in your community from the comfort of your home? During the Agents of Kindness SPIN Club, we'll explore ideas for generous actions that encourage youth voices and promote the common good, even when we are apart.

**WHEN: MONDAYS 4-5 PM EST VIA ZOOM APP  
DECEMBER 14-JANUARY 18**

Please email Rachel Ochylski (ochylski@msu.edu) with questions or visit <https://bit.ly/AOKSPIN> to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online



## 4-H Events and Workshops

December 1: 4-H Giving Tuesday

*Everywhere*

Help grow a county 4-H endowment in your area and join the #GivingTuesday movement. Consider making a donation to grow funds that support 4-H youth today and in the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-giving-tuesday>

December 2: Success and Safety in Virtual Volunteer-led Programs

*Zoom*

MSU Extension volunteers will learn best practices and strategies for virtual safety for youth and adults in programs and meetings.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/success-and-safety-on-volunteer-led-programs-december-2nd>

December 7: Flour Tortilla Making 101

*Zoom*

Join in making tortillas — a staple in Mexican cooking. In this class, tortillas will be used as an appetizer, entrée, dessert or stand alone ingredient.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/flour-tortilla-making-101-dec-7>

December 8: Wild Spartans Series

*Zoom*

Join 4-H staff as we meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. December's event will explore invasive species with MSU researcher Taylor Haas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-december>

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December 19: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Holiday Scones

*Zoom*

Join 4-H in the Kitchen Live for a special holiday episode! Learn how to make a batch of eggnog scones—perfect for any holiday feast — with special guest Ruth Myers.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-eggnog-scones>

## Save the Date!

February 19-21, 2021: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration

*Online*

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration will be going virtual this year! Adult and teen 4-H leaders are encouraged to join this exciting online event to learn new ideas for working virtually with youth in the areas of visual and performing arts, crafts, sewing, clothing and textile projects. Stay tuned for registration information!

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

**Connect with  
youth from  
across the globe!**



Sign up for the States' 4-H Winter Pen Pal program for your chance to make international friends! Learn about culture and daily life in another country while sharing your own experiences with a peer across the globe.

The pen pal program will run from mid-January through mid-April. After being matched with a similarly-aged young person from another country, youth will write to each other twice a month. Topical prompts will be provided to jump start conversations but the possibilities are endless!

To get matched in the program, visit [www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7N8RBHY).

## 4-H Volunteer Reenrollment

Go to MSU Extension [Volunteer Central](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home) ([https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)) and click "Login" which is located on the upper right hand side of the web page

Your User ID: [email address]

Password: Pa\$\$1234

Click Edit Profile

Review your information and update anything that is inaccurate

Replace placeholder Emergency contact information

Upload a photo if you would like

Change your password and save it. You will need this annually when you consent to the background check and if you want to explore volunteer opportunities and shifts as this feature gets used more in the future.

Click Update Form

Currently there is one training module available, Welcome to MSU Extension. This is not required for current volunteers, but we welcome you to review this overview of our organization if you are interested. More training modules will be added in the future and we would encourage you to check back regularly to participate in the modules.

**Volunteer Central does not replace 4-HOnline.** 4-HOnline is our 4-H specific database for volunteers, youth and families. It will remain an important part of your volunteer role to be active in both Volunteer Central and 4-HOnline.

## Explore 4-H—for Free!!!

It's officially the 2020-2021 4-H program year – which means it's time to re-enroll in Michigan 4-H! With the novel coronavirus pandemic altering the way 4-H programs are currently offered, we know many of you are eagerly awaiting the return of face-to-face programming. Until then, we encourage you to take part in the wide variety of 4-H learning experiences and opportunities available today from the safety of your homes.

As a reminder, there will be no participation fees collected for the current program year so there is no cost to re-enroll, though some specific events may continue to have registration fees.



[Start your re-enrollment today](#) to stay connected with all the exciting events and programs that are being hosted across the state!