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4-H Family News

November 6, 2020



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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/

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Enroll in 4-H Now for 2020-2021

The new enhanced 4honline is now ready for reenrollment. Please log into your [4HOnline](http://mi.4honline.com) Family account to submit enrollment for each member of your family - participating Youth and Adults (*Adults only if a volunteer).

Go to <http://mi.4honline.com> and enter the email and password you created last year. If you've forgotten your password, select "I forgot my password" and follow the instructions. Once at your family homepage, work through each member's page to complete/update personal information, authorizations and project information. **PLEASE MAKE SURE CLUB AND PROJECT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE!** Pay special attention to your "Years in 4-H" and be sure to add **each project** a member is/has been involved in.

MSU Extension recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and other associated factors have put a financial strain on many families. Therefore, we have **opted to waive** the Michigan 4-H participation fee of \$20 per person or \$60 per family for the 2020-21 4-H program year which begins September 1, 2020. Some events may continue to have registration fees. You will continue to register through 4-H Online, but no participation fees will be collected or expected next year.

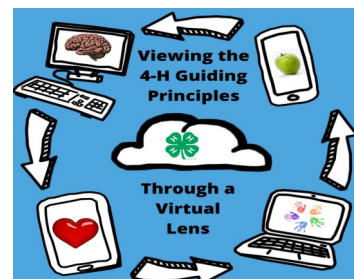
If you are interested in supporting 4-H in lieu of paying participation fees, please contact your 4-H program coordinator for opportunities.

Community Leaders: You must reenroll in order to have access to your club's information. Once approved by County staff, your access will be restored.

Guidelines for Positive Youth Development Virtually

As Michigan 4-H staff, volunteers and youth continue to practice safe social distancing, 4-H programs have moved online and many 4-H clubs are connecting virtually. To help both 4-H staff and volunteers view the 4-H Guiding Principles through a virtual lens, MSU Extension recently developed "Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development: Virtual Programming Focus." This resource is a great tool for adults interacting with 4-H'ers to review as they consider the best ways to optimize 4-H programming for the online world.

View the Michigan 4-H Guiding Principles for Positive Youth Development online at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan-4-h-guiding-principles-for-positive-youth-development-virtual-programming-focus.



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/rqYtaXy2ChWM5WAF8>

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 25-29th, 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/SoooperYooperChallenge/>



Michigan Youth Fall-A-Thon

Competing as household teams, youth ages 5-19 complete fun, fall-themed missions and share progress with other participants using a smartphone or tablet. Covering topics from hunting and ORV safety to invasive species and scat identification, Fall-A-Thon promises six fun-filled days of connecting to nature, wherever you are.

Register at bit.ly/34NEaas

Hosted by: MSU Extension, Michigan 4-H, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Huron Pines AmeriCorps





Join Us Online

WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

SCIENCE IN ZOOKEEPING AND CONSERVATION
WITH CAITLIN MACK, MSU RESEARCHER

Tuesday, November 10 | 7 PM EST

Registration required: https://events.anr.msu.edu/wild_spartans/

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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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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

Nov. 4 How does grass turn into milk?

Nov. 11 Can you make a crystal out of sugar?

Nov. 18 Why does turkey make you tired?

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.

Preserving Your Harvest

HOLIDAY SEASON... LET'S MAKE PIE FILLING



Learn the easy methods of freezing and canning a variety of pie fillings!

Join MSU Extension for this FREE online workshop being held on Thursday, November 12, 2020

Zoom Sessions held from
1-2:30 p.m. EST and
6-7:30 p.m. EST

To register for this or other topics, please visit:
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/PreserveHarvest/>

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_7KOfRuI9TTm0Uewf7mxLuA

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.



JOIN US ONLINE

SUCCESS AND SAFETY ON VOLUNTEER-LED VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

November 12 | 7:00 pm EST

Register Here:
<https://bit.ly/3kfxbyv>

OR

November 18 | 7:30 pm EST

Register Here:
<https://bit.ly/3kg7bSH>



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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

Questions?
Contact ati.iat@msu.edu or call 517-884-7334.

EATON COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

A CHOCOLATE SPIN CLUB

Youth Ages 9-13

Learn about the history & science of this sweet treat!

We'll meet online: 4-5 PM

Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Nov. 9-20 More Info:

<http://bit.ly/ChocolateSPIN>

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Youth Armory Virtual Babysitters Training

November 9 - 12 at 3:30pm



Join us via Zoom for this 4-day instructional club. Using the 4-H Baby Sitting Curriculum for Youth, this event takes teen youth interested in childcare through everything they need to be a responsible, caring, trustworthy, competent, capable, and safe babysitter.

This virtual training consists of an hour and a half segments November 9 through 12. Upon successful completion of the course, teen youth will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. **Registration is open to youth grades 6-12.**

REGISTER HERE:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/BabysittingCourse_YouthArmory/



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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) 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.

Virtual Community Service Projects

[Michigan State University Extension](#) suggests the following lists of ideas for youth to consider when planning a community service project during a pandemic. This is not an exhaustive list.

Projects that can be completed with materials at home are probably the most accessible for all youth. These project ideas require basic and minimal supplies.

- Baking homemade dog treats for animal shelters.
- Writing letters to seniors or essential workers.
- Creating artwork for seniors, nursing homes or hospitals.
- Creating and displaying artwork for your community through sidewalk chalk, murals or yard signs.

Projects requiring special supplies are also possible. Service project organizers could provide families with a supply list or make arrangements to conduct a non-contact supply drop off.

- Assembling no-sew fleece tie blankets for local hospitals, women and children's shelters or nursing homes.
- Sewing, cutting or ironing homemade masks for local schools or daycares.
- Creating homemade dog or cat toys for shelters.
- Painting garden markers or signs for community gardens.
- Assembling learning or craft kits for youth that may be isolated at home.
- Planting flowers or houseplants in containers for a local nursing facility.

Youth could organize a community or neighborhood donation drive to collect needed items for local service agencies. Work with youth to establish a non-contact drop off location.

- Food drive for food banks.
- Hygiene drive for food banks or local service agencies.
- Diaper/wipes drive for local baby closet.
- Pet supplies drive for local animal shelter.
- Children's clothing/toys/books/diapers drive for local foster closet.
- Hats/gloves/mittens/winter coat drive for local homeless shelters or schools.
- Pop can tab drive for [Ronald McDonald House](#).

Some service projects can be conducted entirely over the internet. These often require a device and a reliable internet connection.

- Playing virtual card games or board games with seniors isolated in their homes or nursing facilities.
- Assisting a local nonprofit with social media awareness campaign or recording a video or testimonial to support their cause.
- Reading to young people through a local playgroup or library.
- Tutoring younger students utilizing a remote meeting platform.
- Serving as a moderator or tech support for a virtual community meeting (even assisting your 4-H club or county 4-H council).

Some service projects must be conducted as a family unit, as they require travel to a designated location or require parental involvement.

- Park or roadside cleanup
- River/watershed cleanup
- Adopt-A-Beach cleanup
- Community garden cleanup
- Planting trees
- Raking leaves, cutting grass or shoveling snow for physically challenged neighbors.
- Making phone calls to friends or neighbors who might be lonely.

Be sure to remember to connect with existing service organizations or efforts to support and contribute to their work, and to make sure your efforts are meaningful. Every community is different and may not have the same types of agencies. Here's a list of the kinds of agencies youth may be able to partner with in their projects.

- Local animal shelter
- Local women's shelter or family shelter
- Foster parent support group/agency
- Schools
- Community action agencies
- Food banks/organizations serving community meals
- Senior centers
- Nursing or assisted living facilities
- Single parent support groups
- Hospitals/free clinics
- Community gardens
- Local conservation organizations
- Department of Natural Resources/U.S. Forest Service/U.S. Park Service

For even more ideas, explore these resources:

[Youth Service America- Service project ideas that can be done at home](#)

[Youth Service America- How Youth Can Help Communities Respond to and Recover from the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[Learning Ally- Virtual Volunteer Opportunities](#)

4-H Events and Workshops

November 6-11: Michigan Youth Fall-a-thon

Online via GooseChase

Join the fun on the GooseChase app as youth compete as household teams to complete challenges in this fun, self-paced, virtual fall event!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-youth-fall-a-thon>

November 9-13: 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club

Online via Zoom

Join the 4-H Minecraft SPIN Club and explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-minecraft-spin-club-nov-9-13>

November 9-12: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Vet Science Interactive Series

Online via Zoom

Explore veterinary science through interactive sessions as you visit Tollgate Farm virtually to learn about livestock and companion animals through STEM challenges and learning!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-fall-virtual-vet-science-interactive-week-long-series>

November 9-12: Youth Armory Babysitting Training

Online via Zoom

Join this four-day training designed to teach teen youth everything they need to know about being safe, effective, trustworthy and responsible babysitters.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-armory-babysitting-training>

November 10: Wild Spartans Series

Online via Zoom

Join 4-H staff to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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

November 25: 4-H Sooper Yooper GooseChase Scavenger Game

Online via GooseChase app

Learn fun facts about the U.P. while completing missions on the Goose Chase app! Participate in the UP Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, home, or wherever your family will be during this time!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-sooper-yooper-goosechase-savenger-game>

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