



Ingham County

4-H Family News

December 4, 2020



4-H GROWS HERE

Reenrollment Deadline December 31, 2020

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](http://www.4honline.com) at www.4honline.com to stay connected with all the exciting events and programs that are being hosted across the state!

Ingham County 4H-MSU Extension



Be sure to like and follow us for the latest 4-H information.

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ALCONA, ALPENA AND MONTMORENCY 4-H AND THE MSU
PLANETARIUM PRESENT:



"WHERE IS EVERYBODY?" - THE FERMI PARADOX

Free registration at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HNightSky3/>

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 7PM



ELIAS AYDI IS A POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT THE PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPARTMENT AT MSU. ELIAS GRADUATED WITH A PHD IN ASTRONOMY FROM UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN IN 2016. ELIAS'S RESEARCH INTERESTS INVOLVE STUDYING STAR EXPLOSIONS AND TRANSIENT ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS USING A VARIETY OF GROUND-BASED AND SPACE-BASED FACILITIES COVERING THE ENTIRE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM.

With an estimated 60 billion exo-planets in our Galaxy alone, "where is everybody?" is a very reasonable question to ask!! This question has been a long standing debate in astronomy for decades and became a paradox known as the Fermi Paradox. In this talk I will elaborate on the Fermi Paradox, the possibility of life evolving outside of our solar system, and if life on Earth is a unique one.

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Holiday Craft Idea



COOKIE SCIENCE

Make these tasty chocolate chip cookies, and see how food science makes them so delicious.

In this activity, you'll bake a batch of delicious chocolate chip cookies with a recipe from Annie Fox of Tarpon Springs' Brooker Creek Explorers 4-H Club. Plus, you'll discover how even the smallest changes to ingredients can make a major difference when it comes to baking.

<https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home/holidays/cookies/>



Crafts & Cultures Around The World

REGISTRATION

V2.4honline.com

CLUB

SPIN-Crafts and Cultures Around the World

COST: Free

FURTHER INFORMATION:

weissgle@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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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.

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 Sage: How Child Sexual Predators Groom Children](#)

Holiday Craft Idea

🕒 1-2 Hours | Grades: K-8

STEM Binary Code Ornaments

Description
Code without a computer, learn about the binary alphabet, and craft a simple ornament all in one great Christmas STEM project.



Supplies


 Packages of pony beads: red, green & white


 Pipe cleaners: red, green & white


 Small pieces of 4-H fabric


 White glue


 Scissors

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00010 01
10000 11
10100 11
01100 01
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 Binary alphabet off the Internet

Activity Steps

1. Look up binary alphabet on the internet to get the code.
2. Twist two pipe cleaners together to make a longer piece.
3. Following the binary code, slide beads onto the pipe cleaner to create a word.
4. Twist ends together and make a
5. You can finish by gluing a piece of fabric to the backside of the ornament. Let it dry and then trim off the excess fabric.
- 6.

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](#)



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

VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB

LEGO DIGITAL CREATIONS

Do you love playing with LEGOS and want to create anything you can imagine in a digital format? This is the Club is for you!

When: December 3, December 8, December 10, December 15, December 17, & December 22
4 - 5 PM EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

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

Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up

Please Visit bit.ly/4-HLEGO to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online




For More Info:

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Cloverbud Social/Emotional Wellness Kit




Help youth explore their emotions with fun activities!

- Kit contains supplies for several activities
- Designed for ages 5-8
- Complete activities at your own pace

Learn more and register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MissaukeeCloverbudWellness/>

4-H Club Leader Update

Unfortunately, the new 4-H Online system is not allowing club administrative leaders to access their club member information. The company that runs 4-H Online is supposedly working on resolving this, but we don't know when that might be complete. In the meantime, if you need your club roster to know who has and has not yet enrolled for the 2020-21 year, you will need to request that from me or from Lori Guy. Any time you need an updated list, just let us know and we'll get that to you. You do not need to approve members as in the past. If there is anyone on your member list that you don't think should be in the club, let us know.

Sorry for the hassle and we will notify you as soon as this issue is resolved.

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.

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.