



Ingham County

4-H Family News

February 26, 2021



4-H GROWS HERE

Virtual Hippology Contest



Junior & Senior Individual Divisions

Awards:

- The top 5 individuals in each category, in each division, will receive ribbons; high scoring individuals will receive a plaque.
- The top 10 individuals overall in each division will receive ribbons; 1st and 2nd high individuals will receive a plaque.

The contest will open on April 1, 2021, at 9:00 AM (EST) and will close on April 3, 2021, at 9:00 PM (EST).

To view additional rules and the registration link (deadline March 25), scan the QR code or visit: <https://golinks.ncsu.edu/links/2021-hippology-invitational>



The 2021 Invitational Virtual Hippology Contest is open to all youth ages 8-18 that are non-North Carolina residents and/or NC 4-H members.

Ingham County 4H-MSU Extension



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

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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.

Ingham County 4-H Homegrown Livestock Fair Verification Form

The learning objective of the homegrown class is for youth to have the opportunity to experience the market animal project from birth through marketing of the animal. Exhibitors should gain and be able to demonstrate skills in animal husbandry, critical thinking, decision making, and record keeping through their animal project.

Rules for exhibiting your 4-H project in homegrown class at the fair:

1. Youth must be in possession of and own or lease (with written documentation) the mother of the animal being exhibited at the time of birth of the project animal.
2. Youth must contact 4-H/FFA leader and leader must validate animals birth, possession of animal and Dam, and send validation form in to the 4-H office no later than March 15.
3. The project animal and Dam must be housed on the property of the youth's immediate family (parents or grandparents) throughout the duration of the entire project cycle.
4. Project animal being exhibited at the fair must also be entered as an individual in a market class.
5. Only one entry per exhibitor per species.
6. Youth is to provide at least 80% of management and labor for project animal.
7. A record keeping component will be required to be turned in to the species superintendent upon check-in at fair. Swine exhibitors enter Tom Stid Award; Beef and Sheep exhibitors enter record keeping book. (please note any of these records may also be exhibited in the Personal Development (still exhibit) classes at the fair, must be entered on registration form in both departments)

Exhibitor Name: _____

Club: _____

Species:

☐ Beef

☐ Sheep

☐ Swine

Homegrown Entry Information:

Identification: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Dam: _____ Sire: _____

Breeding (circle one): natural insemination on farm / AI on farm / purchased bred

This verification form is notification to species superintendent that you intend to enter a homegrown exhibit at the Ingham County Fair. You must still enter this animal on your fair entry in the individual market class, homegrown class, and record keeping class for species (and Personal Development optional). The judge may reserve the right to judge the animal and/or records for this project.

Exhibitor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Leader Signature (indicating that you have verified this animal is owned and meets the homegrown specification for the above exhibitor)

_____ Date: _____



4-H Mark of Excellence

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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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4H STEAM & SSCC PRESENTS:



COOKING WITH A PLANT-BASED TWIST CLUB!

A Fun & easy way to prepare Healthy Recipes and learn about the nutritional value of our food items! Taking place virtually on ZOOM!

**STARTING FEBRUARY 24TH 2021 | TIME: 4-5 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL MARCH 31ST**

To Register, contact Jalen Bell- belljale@msu.edu

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STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

The Roots and Branches of your Family Tree

Have you ever wondered about the traditions in your family?
Wondered how your grandparents met?
Where did your family come from and how did they settled in
the area they are now?

Join 4-H staff as we help you to create and research your family tree

March 23 at 6:30 pm

This event is free to youth ages 8 and up

Register to join at https://msu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LX0GI4XbQU-aYMXadRMunw

For Questions please contact:

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

JOIN US ONLINE!

4-H DANCE PARTY SPIN CLUB



*An introduction to computer coding by
programming your own Dance Party!
Open to all youth aged 8 to 14.*

Sign up by April 8th!

Starts: Monday, April 12-16, 2021

From: 4-5:15 pm

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



BAY AND EATON
COUNTY 4-H
PROGRAMS PRESENT:

Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Have you ever wondered
which animals come and go?
Come explore signs of
wildlife with us!

March 4th- April 8th
5 pm to 6 pm
Location: Zoom App

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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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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](#)

Money Smarts Contest (General Contest promotion)

Join Michigan 4-H as we hold fun contests and workshops during National Financial Literacy Month this April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. Two different contests will be offered this year for both 4-H and non 4-H youth residing in Michigan. For more details go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/index>



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, Michigan State University Extension 4-H is sponsoring the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5, 2021 to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CashContest21/>. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing. The winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors where they will have opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest>



Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Do you want to learn how to avoid financial pitfalls and have an opportunity to win \$250 cash? In this third annual Show Your Money Smarts Contest, Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in this on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April. Contest registration must be complete by April 23, 2021 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart21/>. High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>



Show your Money Smarts Contest
April 2021
for 14-19 year olds



Apply for a 2021 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!

Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu.

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4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.



Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS

SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

SEARCHING FOR VERNAL POOLS, NATURE'S DISAPPEARING ACT
 WITH YU MAN LEE, CONSERVATION SCIENTIST,
 MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

Tuesday, March 9 | 7 PM EST

Registration required:

www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

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Beekeeping Essay Competition

2021 Essay Topic:

*Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and
 Methods to Defend Against the Threats*

\$750 1st place prize, includes being published

Contest details & essay theme conversation: 7 PM EST Feb. 23, 2021

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2021

Contest Rules and Feb 23 Registration Link at:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/entomology/beekeeping>



Contact: Laura Quist, quistla1@msu.edu

GRAPHIC NOVELS 101

Virtual 4-H SPIN Club

Join us as we learn what it takes to create our very own graphic novels and comics!

When: March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, and April 9
4 - 5 PM EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

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

Free and Open to youth ages 10 and Up

MUST REGISTER on 4-H Online TO GET ACCESS to club

For More Info:
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CELEBRATE TEENS IN YOUR COMMUNITY WITH \$5K

We're proud to join the Invisalign® brand in their search for **100** deserving teens dedicated to making a difference in their communities to be recognized as Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Each of these teens will be celebrated at a virtual event and awarded **\$5,000 cash** to fund their service projects or help support their educational or personal goals. Help us celebrate those making a difference by sharing with the teens and parents in your life!

All teens ages 13 – 19 can apply now through March 31, 2021 by sharing how they're creating positive change in their communities, schools and world.

Apply Now.....

<https://www.invisalign.com/cldee=d2Vpc3NnbGVAYW5yLm1zdS5lZHU%3d&recipientid=contact-67ad-f4a808ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-92ff3e68e87b4d97bc85159b44411306&esid=6236e591-f06a-eb11-90fd-00155dcb343a>

Contest ends 3/31/21

Pippin's Pantry: DIY Dog-Safe Treats

CONTACT US:
Benzie MSU Extension Office

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4-H Program Coordinator

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Beulah, MI 49617

231.882.0027

olsonal8@msu.edu

Above: Dexter & Harper

Upper Right: Perigrin Took (Pippin)

Lower Left: Nash Alexander

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Ages 5 to 12, but older youth are strongly encourage to participate!

PROGRAM SUMMARY:
Join us every other week, starting March 17, to learn what are safe ingredients for our four-legged friends treats, and make a themed treat for our puppy friends!

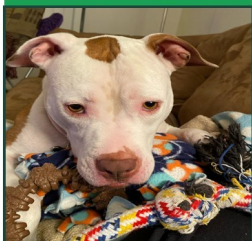
A canine family member is NOT required! We encourage 4-Her's to reach out to their local MSU Extension Office to coordinate treat donations to local animal shelters if they do not have a dog of their own!

HOW TO REGISTER:
Register via MSU Events: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Pippins_Pantry2/

There is **no cost** to participate in this event. Participants may have to buy ingredients/kitchen tools for the week's recipes if they do not have them at home already.

Participants must view the Orientation Video and fill out the Google Form with their dogs health information prior to the start of the first class.

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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/VirtualSpringPlantsandPartners/>
 Weeklong Series: May 3-7, 2-3 pm
 Weekly Series: Tuesdays, May 4 - June 1, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

MSU TOLLGATE FARM
 VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE
 SERIES FOR GRADES K-3



PLANTS AND THEIR PARTNERS

Exciting experiential STEM series
 designed to explore plants,
 pollinators, and pollination.



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/VirtualInteractiveMapleSugaringSeries/>
 Dates: March 1-5
 Times: 2 - 4 pm or 5:30 - 4:30 pm



MSU TOLLGATE FARM
 4-H VIRTUAL
 INTERACTIVE
 MAPLE SUGARING
 SERIES



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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SpringFollowtheNutrientTrail/>
 Weeklong Series: April 26 - 30, 2021 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. EST
 Weekly Series: Thursdays, April 8 - May 6 2-3:15 p.m. EST

The Nutrient Cycle



MSU TOLLGATE FARM
 VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE
 SERIES FOR GRADES 3-5



FOLLOW THE NUTRIENT TRAIL

Experiential STEAM series designed to
 explore the nutrient cycle including
 producers, consumers, and
 decomposers.



<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Springbreakcamp2021/>
 Date(s): March 29th - April 2nd
 Time(s): 10:00-11:15 am

VIRTUAL
 S.T.E.A.M.
 BREAK
 CAMP
 2021





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

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MSU TOLLGATE FARM STEWARDS TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Farm - Friends - Fun



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

Virtual Winter Stewards Series



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<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2021MSUTollgateSSLI/>



MSU TOLLGATE FARM VIRTUAL SUSTAINABLE STEWARDS SERIES

For Ages 15-19
Fridays, 4 - 5 p.m. EST
March 26, April 23, May 21, 2021

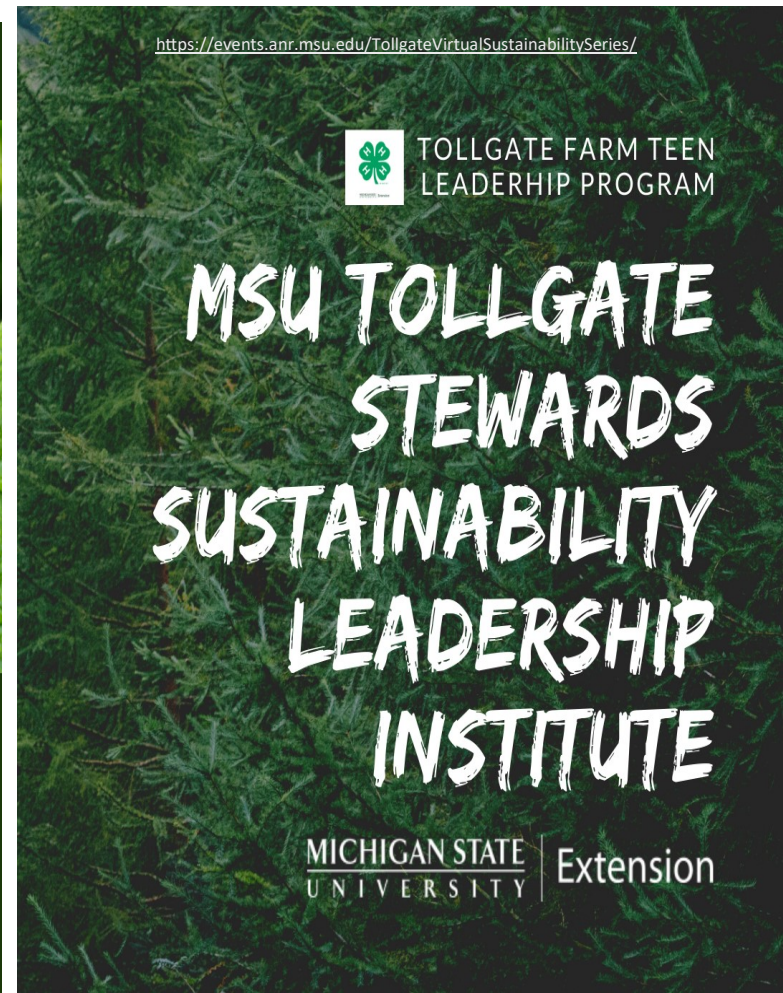
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/TollgateVirtualSustainabilitySeries/>



TOLLGATE FARM TEEN
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

MSU TOLLGATE STEWARDS SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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JOIN US ONLINE!

4-H LEGO MASTER BUILDER SPIN CLUB



Every day choose to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! Open to all youth aged 5 to 12.

Sign up by March 11th!

Starts: Monday, March 15-19, 2021

From: 4-5:15pm

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

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund

Entries due May 15, 2021

Two Scholarship Options for 2021

- 1) MYLSF SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$5,000)
- 2) STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIP (UP TO \$1,000)

Both Scholarships are funded by proceeds from the Michigan State Fair Youth Livestock Auction and the Michigan Livestock Expo Auction

Since 2000, the Michigan Youth Livestock Scholarship Fund has been awarding scholarships annually to outstanding youth who exhibit at the Michigan State Fair, Michigan Livestock Expo and Michigan Dairy Expo. The fund is also responsible for supporting educational awards provided to youth livestock and dairy exhibitors each year.

Applications and qualification requirements for the MYLSF and the statewide scholarship can be obtained at https://www.michigan.gov/mdard/0,4610,7-125-48096_49214_100474---,00.html

Applications must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Haarer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural, at 517-284-5642 or Ernie Birchmeier, Michigan Farm Bureau, at 517-679-5335.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Michigan 4-H presents
American Ninja
Warrior Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club

March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools

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 March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march

March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!

Zoom Webinar

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10

March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021

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-march-18

March 16: 4-H Give Green Day

Everywhere

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree

Zoom Webinar

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline

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

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/virtualofficertaining/>

