



Ingham County

4-H Family News

March 19, 2021



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Swine Project Submission Forms due May 1

Due to COVID19, exhibitors should complete the project submission forms located at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/animal-projects/swine>. Please submit the health form, ractopamine form, producer affidavit, and parent affidavit paperwork to the **Fair Office by May 1.**

If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Macayla Bogart at (517) 706-8178 or email bogartm1@msu.edu.



YQCA Certification Needed to Sell Livestock At Fair

All youth must be YQCA certified in order to **sell your swine, beef or dairy market steer/feeder projects at Fair.**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21. YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbit, and poultry.

Complete your certification at <http://yqca.org/>. You will need to be prepared to pay for the cost of the YQCA training when you register with a credit/debit card.

Register using your 4Honline account. Contact Glenda at 676-7303 with questions.

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4-H Mark of Excellence

Michigan 4-H State Awards Program

Submission Details:

- All essays must be computer generated, typed or handwritten in blue or black ink on 8 1/2 X 11" paper, single sided. (use 12 pt. font if typed)
- No more than 2 pages in length
- Essays must be 500 words or less
- Name and county in the top right-hand corner of each sheet of paper
- Do not include photos or other graphics

Submission Deadlines:

- Essays to local county 4-H office by April 1, 2021 for judging.

Questions:

- Kelly Stelter
grandtke@msu.edu
269-927-5674 ext. 4015
Or
contact your local 4-H Program Coordinator



What is the Mark of Excellence Award:

- An award program for Michigan 4-H members ages 11 and 12.
- Introductory opportunity to Michigan 4-H State Awards program.

How can I 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....."**

Eligibility:

- Be a current 4-H member between the ages of 11 and 12. Enrollment in previous years not required.
- Individuals may only be selected for this award once.
- Each county can select up to two (2) winning essays to receive the Mark of Excellence Award each year.

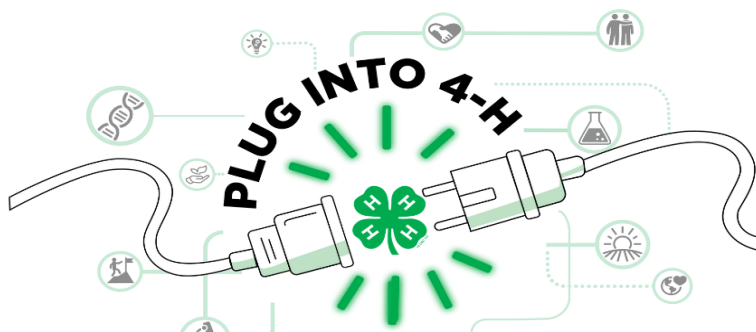
Award:

- Selected winning essays will receive a certificate and medal.

Learn more at:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition

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Save the Date



2021 MICHIGAN 4-H
EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.



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The Importance of Saving and Investing: 4-H Livestock Edition



Open to youth ages 15-19 (statewide)

April 5, 7:30 pm

The end of a market livestock project is usually a check from the auction.

This 1-hour workshop will cover:

The different types of saving goals: short, medium and long-term

The importance of planning ahead

Understanding Investment alternatives

Additional resources

Registration link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>



4-H Market Livestock Through a Business Lens

Open to youth ages 8-19.

April 20, 7:30 pm via zoom.

This 1-hour workshop will cover:

- How to get started
- Types of Organizations
- What makes a business concept?
- The cost of doing business
- Money Decisions and risk management
- Money management skills
- Credit and cash flow
- Business credit vs. personal credit



Registration link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart2021/>

The ****all-new**** Michigan 4-H Dog Program Walk Across Our State Challenge is open for registration! That's right, earn prizes while walking the dog!

Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

RULES & REGISTRATION FOUND HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HDogWalkAcrossOur-State/>

Youth and adults may participate. Individual and team divisions. Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will then be shared with participants via email and social media weekly.

Top placing individuals and teams will be recognized and earn prizes. All participants receive a participation certificate!

Walk Across the State!

**MICHIGAN 4-H DOG PROGRAM
APRIL 15-MAY 31**



JOIN US ONLINE!

4-H LEGO MASTER BUILDER SPIN CLUB



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

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 April 22nd!

Starts: Monday, April 26-30, 2021

From: 4-5:15pm

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

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JOIN US ONLINE!

4-H IN THE KITCHEN LIVE: FORTUNE COOKIES

April 17, 2021
2:00 pm


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

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AGES: 13-19 NO COST!

MYSTERY AT THE ZOO




VIRTUAL CLUE

JOIN AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS PART OF A TEAM

Thur., April 8 – 7 pm EDT

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Virtual Clue 2

Notorious animal-thief Nikolai the Camel Guy is plotting to steal one of the zoo's animals! However, the letter to his accomplice with all the plan's details has been damaged. Which animal do they want to steal? Why? And which zoo employee is in on it? Gather two or three of your friends to team up and solve this crime before it's too late!

Register for this FREE event here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/VC2Mystery/>

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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johns832@msu.edu or call
(517)552-6905



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](#)



MICHIGAN 4-H PRESENTS

Daniel Gil
on
March 24
at 6:30 pm EST

Hear from 2020 American Ninja Warrior Winner about overcoming obstacles!!

Free and open to any youth!!

Register at:

<http://bit.ly/ninjagil>

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4-H CODING WEEKEND WORKSHOP



This is an introductory coding workshop for High School aged youth. The workshop is held over two weekends- participants must attend all 4 days. Participants will need to have the ability to do video conferencing.

Sat. & Sun.: April 10 & 11 and May 22 & 23

From 9am to 3pm

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

Cost: \$150.00

Registration Deadline April 7th



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

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FOOD SAFETY ONLINE WORKSHOPS WEEK OF MARCH 22

Food Safety Q&A

Monday, Mar. 22nd- 1 p.m. EDT

Cooking for Crowds

Monday, Mar. 22nd - 5:30 p.m. EDT

Be Food Safe and Ready for Emergencies

Tuesday, Mar. 23rd - 12 p.m. EDT

Investigating Food with Science

Wednesday, Mar. 24th- 4 p.m. EDT

Winter Home Food Preservation

Thursday, Mar. 26th - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. EDT

TO LEARN MORE VISIT

[HTTPS://WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/SAFE_FOOD_WATER/EVENTS](https://www.canr.msu.edu/safe_food_water/events)

TO JOIN BY PHONE, CALL IN ADVANCE TO REGISTER AT 877-643-9882.

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*April is Month of the
Military Child!*



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD



Join Michigan 4-H for a state wide challenge using the GooseChase App in celebration for month of the military child!

Challenges will be released weekly for a chance to win awards and connect with others in state.

Open to all youth, in a military family or not April 1st-30th.

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The ****all-new**** Michigan 4-H Ride Across Our State Challenge is now open for registration!

Challenge begins April 15, 2021 and finishes May 31, 2021

Individual- \$5.00

Team- \$25.00 (\$5/team member)

REGISTER HERE: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/RideAcrossOurState/>

CONTEST RULES FOUND HERE: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information

Youth and adults may participate. Individual and team divisions. Michigan geography, history, and fun facts will then be shared with participants via email and social media weekly.

Top placing individuals and teams will be recognized. All participants receive a participation certificate!



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.

Participants may register here:

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

Full contest rules can be found here:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



MI 4-H HORSE PROGRAM'S HORSE JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY CONTESTS

virtual

April 10-11, 2021

Registration deadline: April 1

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JOIN US ONLINE!

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK! 4-H IN THE KITCHEN LIVE! BAKED MOZZARELLA STICKS

March 30, 2021, 2:00 pm

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

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Kami Ori Creators Origami Instruction Series

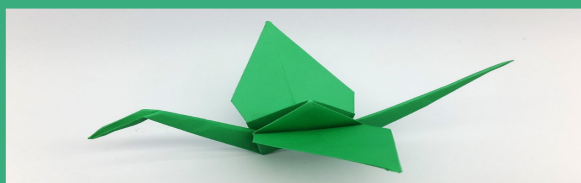
Join us live on zoom to explore the art and culture of Origami! This free program is for ages 9-19

Live meetings on April 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21
4:30-5:30 PM

Register on Zoom at <http://bit.ly/kamiori>

New patterns every session!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>



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Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

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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/changemakers?_cldee=d2Vpc3NnbGVAYW5yLm1zdS5lZHU%3d&recipientid=contact-67ad-f4a808ebe911910a001dd8b71c7f-92ff3e68e87b4d97bc85159b44411306&esid=6236e591-f06a-eb11-90fd-00155dcb343a

Contest ends 3/31/21

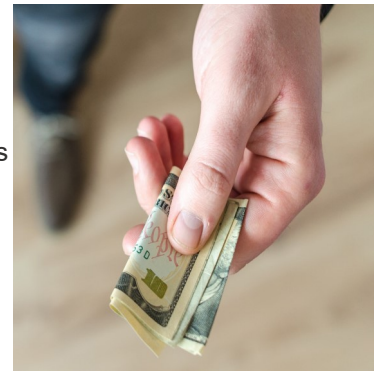
MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the **eventual goal** of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing.

Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

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

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). 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 registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

As we look to continue to support volunteers with virtual programming here are two resources that maybe helpful you look doing virtual programs.

[Safety in Virtual Learning Environments Video](#): This short video shares best practices and policies around youth safety in virtual settings, explore strategies to maintain youth safety when programming virtually, and resources that are helpful.

[Volunteer Brainstorm Session Recording](#): Action Team 6 recorded one of the volunteer brainstorm sessions, the recording is almost an hour in length but provides some great ideas of what volunteers are doing to keep youth engaged or ideas they have tried. While this is a video, the most value comes from listening to the audio so it could be listened to similar as a podcast.

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.

Support 4-H at JOANNs



JOANN  

JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

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

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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