

# 4-H Mark of Excellence

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:



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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# LOCAL AREA NEWS

# **Beef/Dairy Steer Tagging Change for 2021**

Livestock Cmte Scholarships Applications Due

February 12, 2021

Ingham County Livestock Committee is sponsoring up to six, \$500 scholarships. This is open to any alumni (2020 graduate) who has or still is exhibiting in the livestock project area for at least three years and are furthering their education.

For application and details, visit: https:// www.canr.msu.edu/ ingham/4-h/awardsscholarships



# 2021 Ingham County Fair Beef and Dairy Steer/Heifer Project Submission Card

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Due to Covid 19, beef and dairy steenheifer tagging will take place at the 2021 weigh-in at Fair. A member may exhibit two (2) steers and must have project submission card's on file in 4-H Office. An additional steer may be submitted for the same family. Please complete a card for each animal and submit along with pictures which should capture any markings on the animal. Please send or email information to 4-H Office, PO Box 319, Mason, MI 48854 or email to lguy@ingham.org. Submission cards and pictures must be returned by February 26, 2021.

Exhibitor Name:

4-H Club or FFA Chapter:

Additional family members:



For questions call: Superintendent: Dan Dunsmore (517) 676-1730

4-H Program Coordinator: Glenda Weiss (517) 676-7303

# Join the 4-H Livestock Committee......

Our 4-H community requires dedicated leadership in order for our local program to thrive. The livestock committee is seeking volunteers to serve over the coming year. I challenge **<u>EVERY</u>** 4-H club to make nominations to these leadership roles to ensure the future of 4-H is bright in Ingham County. Not only is

serving on a committee a great leadership opportunity, it also helps you stay connected and informed Nominations and applications due **March 1st**. For applications, please visit

https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/councils-committees/



For questions, please contact Glenda Weiss at (517) 676-7303 or weissgle@msu.edu.

# **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/

For questions, please contact Glenda at 676-7303.

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# **STATEWIDE NEWS AREA**



Trainings

January, February and March 2021 Visit the Youth Recognition website for list of dates: http://bit.ly/stateaward



# **4-H CAPITOL** EXPERIENCE



2021 Michigan **4-H State Award** Changes



Are you planning to apply for a 2021 Michigan 4-H State Award or submit a Mark of Excellence essav? The timeline for these exciting programs has changed!

The deadline to submit applications or essays is now April 1, 2021. Applications will again be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Additional information regarding the awards program will be forthcoming. Learn more and apply at: extension.msu.edu/4H StateAwards.

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If you have any questions feel free to email: Mollie Hogg 4-H Program Coordinator @ hoggmoll@msu.edu



# GREEN BEAN SPROUTS

Come join the fun with this mail home kit that teaches youth to grow great veggies during the cold winter months Registration opens February 8th. Cost is \$10.00 Per Youth.



Register at https://events.anr.msu.edu/ GreenBeanSprouts/

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BAY AND EATON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS PRESENT:

Trail Cameras 10 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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Join us for another Lego 4-H Spin Club! Each session you will be provided with a new challenge to add to the building fun! Free and open to youth 9 and up

When: Feb 22, 24, 26 and March 1, 3, 5

4:30-5:30pm EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom App

For registration info please email Luckeyje@msu.edu



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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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# SKILLATHON REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

# What is the Skillathon?

A comprehensive test of your knowledge about all things agriculture, especially livestock! Participants will complete multiple choice questions in the areas of:

Beef, Horses, Sheep, Swine, Dairy, Goats, Dogs, Rabbits, Poultry, and General Knowledge (Animal Care & Well-Being, Tools, Crops, Biosecurity, etc.).

# Who is eligible?

Compete with youth from your region for prizes and the chance to advance to the State Championship on April 10th.

Competition Levels : Novice (Ages 8-11) Junior (Ages 12-14) Senior (Ages 15-19 Adult (20+)

> Contestants that finish in the top 20<sup>th</sup> percentile are eligible to compete for the State Championship title.

To get more information and to register for your regional event, please clink on this link: <u>https:// events.anr.msu.edu/</u> skillathon/.

# **2021 SKILLATHON** Michigan 4-H State Championship

Test your knowledge and comprehension of animal science and livestock management practices.



Registration is Open for the Southwestern Regional - Sat. Mar. 13 events.anr.msu.edu/skillathon/



# Join Us Online VIRTUAL LEARNING TOOLS WEBSITE

Parents, Teachers, and Homeschool Families https://www.extension.msu.edu/virtual-learning-tools

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# **4-H League of Clovers Live!**

The beacons have been lit! Rally to the Clover Banner!

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You have been invited to join the Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society in a quest to save our realm from the forces of darkness.

February 27, March 6, and March 13, 2021 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

For more Information Contact: Aaron Myers Mason County 4-H Coordinator myersaa1@msu.edu (231)301-5622



### Fell deeds awake:

We have raised the banner and now call for your aid!

The Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society is hosting a virtual Dungeons and Dragons quest. Can your wizard cast a spell that shakes the very mountains you stand on? Are you a brave paladin ready to charge his warhorse into the orcish ranks? Or are you a quiet ranger who deftly stalks his forest trying to defend it from invaders?

If you are ANY of these things and more, you are invited to register with the Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society and take part. Participants will meet via zoom on February 27, March 6, and March 13 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm and take part in virtual quests administered by our Dungeon Masters.

Registration will open January 15, 2021 and will remain open February 24, 2021. Space is limited to 20 people and 8 alternates so make sure you register as soon as possible. Alternates will be able to sit in on any quest they like and follow along in case there is an absence.

This event is open to all youth ages 10 thru 19.

In order to be considered fully registered, participants must

- 1. Go to website to register
- 2. Visit the 4-H Online 2.0 website to enroll in the Mason County 4-H League of Clovers program.

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# ANY OUESTIONS?

Email Taylor Fabus at tenlenta@msu.edu. More details and registration information (when available) can be located at:

https:// www.canr.msu.edu/ horses\_ponies/

# HORSEJUDGING

# Experts from 4 universities! Topics to include:

- Note taking & reasons
- Halter classes
- Horsemanship
- Ranch Riding
- Oral reasons with feedback!

# Online course with at-home assignments, 4 interactive meetings, reasons critiques, quizzes & more!



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Beginning in March. Space is limited! \$35 registration fee includes kit, t-shirt & 6 weeks of instruction.



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ARE YOU READY TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE GREATEST FAIR FOOD EVER CREATED RIGHT IN YOUR VERY OWN HOME? JOIN US ON 4-H IN THE KITCHEN LIVE AND WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO MAKE HOMEMADE BAKED CORNDOGS!

February 20, 2021 | 2:00 pm



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# Winter Bird Feeding Kits

Join us as we enjoy the winter season feeding the birds!

This program is great for youth who love bird watching and exploring the outdoors.

Registration opens on February 5th.

All supplies will be included in the kit. Kits will be mailed directly to your home.

The cost is 10 dollars per registered youth.

Register at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/Winterbir dfeedingkits/

Questions can be directed to Mollie Hogg at hoggmoll@msu.edu

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Learn

- new recipes
- kitchen safety
- cooking terms & techniques

Your free enrollment includes access to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable info.

This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

https://events.anr.msu.edu/Cooking2021/



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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 Sage: 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

<u>Keeping Kids Safe</u> <u>Virtually: Best Prac-</u> <u>tices</u>



# 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: <u>https://events.anr.msu.edu/</u> <u>virtualofficertraining/</u>



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# Make a difference in the lives of youth and gain valuable career experience with **4-H STEAM Corps!**

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# 7 MONTHS, 900 HOURS,



- Develop 10 4-H SPIN Clubs
- Engage 50 youth
- Support volunteers
- Promote family engagement
- Living allowance: \$7140
  - Educational Award: \$3097.50
- Dates of Service: Feb 2021-Sept 2021

Apply Now!

Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume to Rachel Puckett at pucket21@msu.edu by 2/15/21.

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<b>Position Title:</b>	4-H SPIN Club Coordinator	Category:	AmeriCorps Service Member
Host Site:	Various	Site Supervisor:	Various
Stipend:	\$7,140 (pre-tax)	Education Award:	\$3,097.50 (pre-tax)
Position Type:	Reduced Full-time 900 hours	Dates of Service:	February 2021-September 2021

### ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The 4H Science team SPIN Club Coordinator will be responsible for making videos to support the Teaching Science When You Don't Know Diddly-squat lesson series and delivering programming to area schools and/or community partners

- Make Videos
- Plan and organize 10 virtual 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs with volunteers that focus on STEM Engage between 50 and 60 new youth in 4-H SPIN club programming
- Provide support to 4-H volunteers who provide guest programming or otherwise support 4-H SPIN Clubs and associated activities
- Collect data and submit reports to the Site Supervisor and to the 4-H STEAM Corps Program Manager Potential for activities related to COVID-19 response, specifics TBD

# MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- At least 19 years of age
  U.S. critzen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
  Possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent
  Pass the following checks: ICHAT, National Sex Offender Public Website, HireRight, FBI Fingerprinting, and any
  additional checks based upon State of Residence
- PREFERRED SKILLS

- Encodedgeable about making videos Experience working with diverse (multiple ages, ethnicities, religions, etc.) populations Excellent verbal and written communication skills Passion for science, technology, engineering, art, and/or math (STEAM)
- Knowledge of youth development, volunteer recruitment and management · Outgoing, confident and able to work in a fast paced virtual environment

### WORK ENVIRONMENT

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic and the need to maintain social distancing protocols, members will serve from home but of the origing COTH of prime reprint and the needed on maintain social distincting protocol, insines of where for information for a significant part of the year. Members will receive a computer from MSU Extension, and they need to have a secure and stable Internet connection. The program will provide extensive and ongoing training and support on coordinating online programming. It is important that members are comfortable with technology and/or willing to learn.

### COMPENSATION

Members will receive a living allowance of \$7,140 (pre-tax) to be distributed bi-weekly throughout their service term as well as student han forbearance for qualified loas. Upon successful completion of service, an education award in the amount of \$3,097.50 will be issued. Members will serve 30 hours/week.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Rachel Puckett at pucket21@msu.edu bv 2/15/21.

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March 8, 10, 11 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Ages: 8-14 (Suggested) Cost: \$20 Includes: 4-H Mars Base Camp Family Kit and 3 Live Zoom Sessions



BASE CAMP Explore a hands-on mission to Mars at home!

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

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You'll recieve a 4-H water bottle & pedometer when you sign up. There's also the opportunity to win prizes from Goosechase challenges! For more information contact: conninji@msu.edu

To sign up visit the link provided in the description!

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# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# 4-H Events and Workshops

# February 1-28: Cooking with Kristi

### Online

This six-part on-demand video series will provide participants with access to instructional cooking videos and a private Facebook group. Youth will learn kitchen safety and sanitation, recipes for tasty and economical foods, and cooking techniques and terms. <a href="http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi">wwww.canr.msu.edu/events/cooking-with-kristi</a>

# February 2: Life of the Straits Winter Edition

# Zoom Webinar

The program will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 9. Each session will share information on amazing features of the Straits of Mackinac and the wonderful winter activities you can enjoy there. This program is ideal for youth 8-12 years but is open to any family.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-winter-edition-2021-feb-2

# February 9: Wild Spartans Series-Working with Honeybees

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 February, attendees will hear from an entomologist and learn what the buzz really is about bees!

# February 13: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening Series

### Zoom Webinar

Interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new series designed to encourage and support home vegetable gardeners! Sessions will be held monthly.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-feb-13

# February 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series

### 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-feb-18

# February 20: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Baked Corndogs

# Zoom Webinar

Participants will learn how to prepare a healthier version of a corndog. www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-baked-corndogs

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