



Ingham County

4-H Family News

March 12, 2021



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4-H Mark of Excellence



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Michigan 4-H State Awards Program



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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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:

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Or
contact your local 4-H
Program Coordinator

Ingham County 4H- MSU Extension



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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: _____

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4-H IN THE KITCHEN LIVE: FORTUNE COOKIES

April 17, 2021
2:00 pm

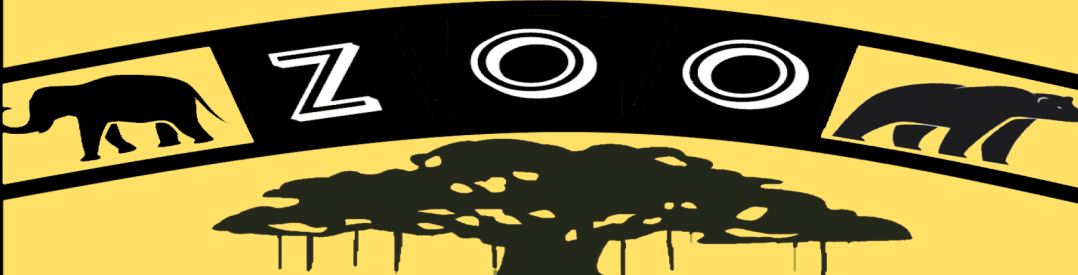
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/FortuneCookies/>

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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/>

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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.*

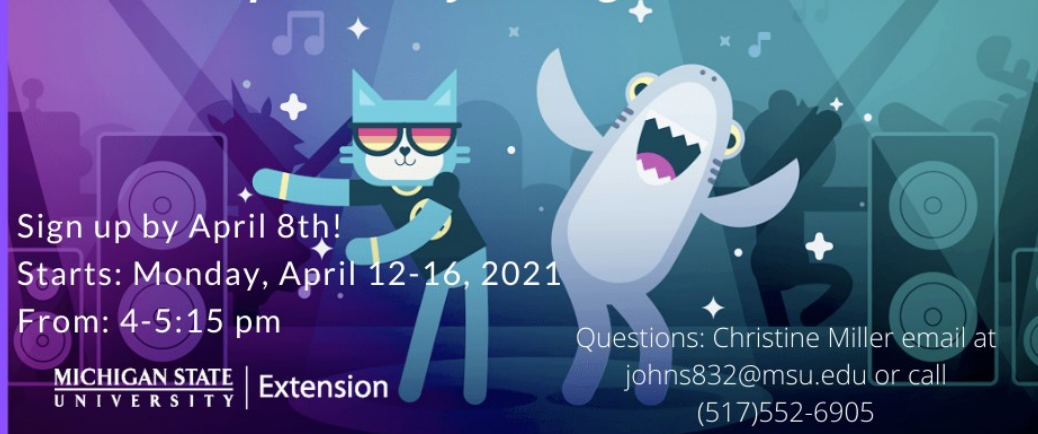
Sign up by April 8th!

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



JoAnn's 4-H Campaign

- You may see 4-H fabric in a few stores left over from a couple of years ago. There are new styles and designs coming in August so don't worry if you see the old stuff on clearance.

- This year during the campaign, **JOANN will be hosting a free, take home craft event on April 18 in all stores.** The kits will include LEGO DOTs and kids will be able to create a bunny, chick and coloring pages. In each craft bag will be messaging about donating to 4-H and creating opportunity for all.

There may be special discounts for [JOANN 4-H Rewards Card](#) members. JOANN 4-H Rewards Cards are still available for sign-up to the 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase. 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.



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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

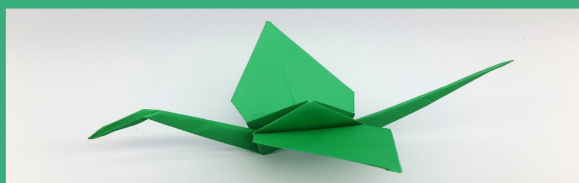
Join us live on zoom to explore the art and culture of Origami! This free program is for ages 9-19

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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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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Week of March 15th Food Safety Online Workshops

Food Safety Q&A

Monday, Mar. 15th - 1 p.m. EDT

Pantry Food Safety - It's Your Job

Tuesday, Mar. 16th - 9 a.m. EDT

Safe Food = Healthy Kids

Tuesday, Mar. 16th - 6 p.m. EDT

Michigan Cottage Food Law Training

Wednesday, Mar. 17th - 10 a.m. EDT

Investigating Food with Science

Wednesday, Mar. 17th - 4 p.m. EDT

Winter Home Food Preservation

Thursday, Mar. 18th - 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. EDT

To learn more visit:

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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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



Pippin's Pantry: DIY Dog-Safe Treats

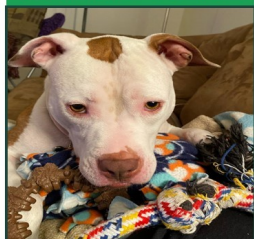
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Above: Dexter & Harper

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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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



Backyard Bees

During this free statewide special interest club, learn about:

- Bee Anatomy
- Pollination
- Beekeeping
- Honey Flavors

Plus receive a hands on activity kit!



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This club will be held at 6:30pm on consecutive Thursdays, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27.

To register for this program, contact Kaelie Fessler at 989-734-2168 or fessler5@msu.edu



MICHIGAN 4-H 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



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.msue.msu.edu/events>.

4-H Club Updates

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.

The link below will take you to a web page with current guidelines. These guidelines 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 these guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs.

extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities

If you have any questions, please contact the 4-H Office at 676-7207.

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.