

*Ingham County*

# 4-H Family News

**MARCH 27, 2020**

## Doing 4-H From Home

4-H offers many activities that you can engage in from your homes. We have posted these activities on the official county 4-H Facebook Page (Ingham County 4H—MSU Extension). New activities and opportunities are being posted there as they come into our e-mail.

The Facebook page and e-mails we send will also give you the most updated information on Ingham County 4-H programs and happenings. MSU has mandated that 4-H groups (clubs, councils, and committees) may not meet face to face until after May 15. This results in changes to tagging dates and much more. Please stay tuned as we work through this situation.

### Earl Threadgould Scholarship

Due April 15, 2020

Receive a \$350 scholarship for college. To be eligible, you must be accepted for full-time study at an accredited post-secondary college or other school. Please submit the form from <https://www.canr.msu.edu/ingham/4-h/awardsscholarships>, a letter of acceptance, an essay on "How 4-H Has Contributed to my Growth and Development", and a letter of recommendation/support from your 4-H leader.

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**Save the date for  
the 2020 4-H  
Spartan Coding  
Camp!**



In collaboration with CodeNow, MSU Extension is excited to offer 4-H Spartan Coding Camp for the second time this summer. This five-day camp will bring high school-aged youth to the campus of MSU, June 28 - July 2.

Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM camp. Learn to develop and launch your own tech ideas; discover the essentials of web design and development; design and code an application from scratch; and attract users for your product! At the end of camp, you'll also be given a series of take-home activities that allow you to further your coding skills.

Registration will be open soon. For more information, visit [canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp).

As novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, Michigan State University Extension remains focused on the health and wellbeing of its participants, volunteers and employees. Per university guidance, MSU Extension staff have been asked to find alternative delivery methods for all in-person activities scheduled through May 15. If a virtual method is not practical, the event must be canceled or postponed until after May 15 (at a minimum).

This applies to our Michigan 4-H volunteers and youth as well. You are encouraged to move upcoming events to an online format such as Zoom or Skype. If a virtual option is not practical, please postpone or cancel in-person 4-H meetings and activities scheduled between now and May 15.

Although face-to-face programs and events will not take place through May 15, MSU Extension will continue in its mission to serve communities. Visit the [Remote Learning and Resources online space](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) at [canr.msu.edu/rlr](https://canr.msu.edu/rlr) for a collection of online offerings that can be enjoyed from home, including resources for school closure activities.

Thank you for your support and understanding. Please contact your county 4-H program coordinator with any questions or concerns.

## Upcoming 4-H Events and Workshops

### April 1–10: Lunch and Learn Lecture Series

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/672412960>

Youth can enjoy a short 45-minute online lecture from animal science experts each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Topics and speakers vary each day.

### April 1—3: MSU Extension's Family Yoga with Kylie

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/761734640>

Join each weekday from 9:30—10 a.m. for 30 minutes of yoga, breathing and mindfulness.

### April 1, 7, 8 & 14: Credit Craze—Basics of Credit for Youth

<https://bit.ly/2y75S5n>

These short one-hour interactive webinars will give youth a basic foundation on credit and resources to learn more. You'll also learn how you can use the knowledge learned to take part in the 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest!

For the full event listing of virtual events for youth audiences, visit <https://bit.ly/3dqPffl>.

## 4-H Renewable Energy Camp



From July 6–10, 2020, the 4-H Renewable Energy Camp will take place at Michigan State University (MSU). This five-day pre-college program is available to youth ages 13–15 who are interested in exploring ideas, research and opportunities related to renewable energy.

During this camp, the youth will visit labs that are conducting renewable energy research, renewable energy companies that think outside the box, and farms that are using renewable energy to remain profitable. The interactive camp will engage youth in experiments, questions and conversations focused on the application of solar radiation into electricity. The culmination of the week will be youth teams designing solutions for incorporating solar energy into real-life applications.

The cost for this camp is \$280 for 4-H youth. Registration is available until April 15. Learn more and apply at [canr.msu.edu/4-h-renewable-energy-camp/](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-renewable-energy-camp/).

## Michigan 4-H #DareToServeChallenge to be issued in April as part of the national 4-H True Leaders in Service

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is again launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. Though the novel coronavirus situation may limit traditional in-person service activities, 4-H'ers are encouraged to think about ways they can lend a helping hand in their communities.



As in year's past, Michigan 4-H'ers goal for 2020 remains the same: to have at least one 4-H-led community service project in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April!

Are you ready to make sure that 4-H in your county meets the goal? Here's how you can participate:

- During the month of April, work on your own or join with others (in your home or virtually), to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference. Here are a few ideas you can do from your own home to get you started:
  - Write cards or notes to members of a senior center or nursing home who can no longer receive visitors at this time.
  - Sew masks for healthcare workers.
  - Help raise money or resources for organizations in need.
- Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan at: [www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service](https://www.4-h.org/true-leaders-in-service).
- After you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4-H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.
- If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to Michigan 4-H at <https://mi4hfdtn.org/donate> or <https://givingto.msu.edu>.

**Save the date for  
4-H Great Lakes and  
Natural Resources  
Camp!**



The 2020 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp will be held August 2-8 at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle County.

Youth ages 13 to 15 will explore dunes, hike forest trails, wade through wetlands, fish, snorkel and sail on Lake Huron while educators and scientists teach them about the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The cost for this camp is \$410 for current 4-H youth. Registration will be available soon. Learn more at [canr.msu.edu/4-h-great-lakes-natural-resources-camp/](https://canr.msu.edu/4-h-great-lakes-natural-resources-camp/).





## State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship & Fitting Workshop

### Rabbit and Cavy Showmanship & Fitting Workshop

**Date & Time:**

**May 16, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

### Schedule

**9:30—Check in begins**

**10:00—Welcome**

**10:05—Rabbit**

**Showmanship and  
Fitting**

**12:30—Lunch (provided)**

**1:15—Cavy**

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**Cost: Free**

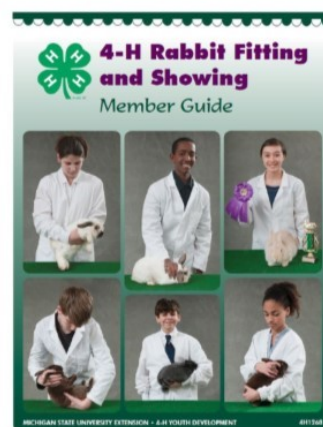
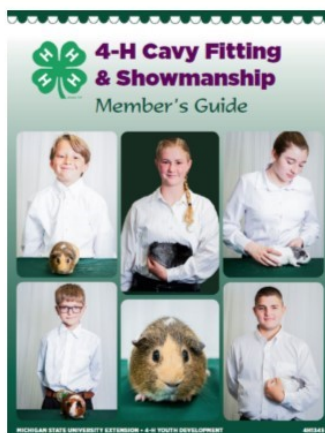
**LOCATION:**

**Clinton County**

**Fairgrounds**

**100 E. State Street**

**St. Johns, MI**



### **Who should attend:**

Youth ages 5-19 who desire to develop their rabbit and /or cavy showmanship skills.

### **Description:**

Bryan Shirk, ARBA and 4-H Judge will present the Rabbit Showmanship and Fitting Workshop. Kelly Hansen, 4-H Judge will present the Cavy Showmanship and Fitting Workshop. Youth will have the opportunity to work with their rabbits to be evaluated and gain assistance in improving their skills in both species.

While not in session youth will have the opportunity to engage in multiple hands on rabbit and cavy stations.

### **Registration**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/StateRabbitandCavyShowmanship2020/>

### **Further Information:**

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### **Sponsors**

State 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Programming Committee

Clinton County Fairgrounds

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