



Ingham County

4-H Family News

April 3, 2020

New Volunteer Categories

Michigan 4-H has updated its volunteer process to include two categories, silver and gold. Current volunteers are classified as gold volunteers. These new categories are leading us to request that all parents become silver volunteers. You may access our volunteer selection process at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/#/volunteer_home

Below is a summary of the volunteer opportunities of our volunteers.

<u>Gold Volunteer</u>	<u>Silver Volunteer</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chaperone youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct interaction with youth/low opportunity to form relationships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Handles finances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working registration table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holds events at their home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in the Food Booth
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club or Project leaders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Still Life Building
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proud Equestrian Program Volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A MSU Extension Staff or Gold Volunteer must be present anytime youth are interacting together with Silver Volunteers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructors/Presenters who will be the only adult with the youth or with the youth more than one time 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees and Councils 	

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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.

As the 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 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/3dqPfil>.

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/.

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.
- 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/.



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

**showmanship and
Fitting**

Cost: Free

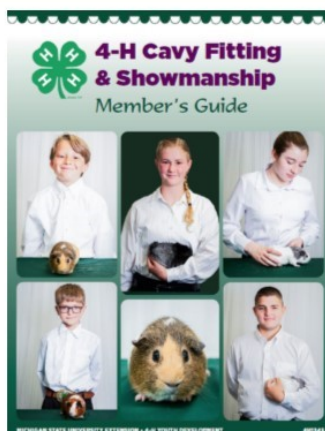
LOCATION:

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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Livestock Learning

Online Series

Starts April 9th at 7 p.m.

Join Us every Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m. for a different topic. Pre-Register to receive the meeting link!

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Event link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnlineLivestockLearning/>

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.

Capturing Our New Normal:

A Michigan Teen Photo Project

*Sharing the stories of our lives in this new time
through our eyes
...and our photos*

Teens in this project will use photography to answer questions, express themselves, and bring awareness to their communities about the issues affecting them during this unprecedented time.

We will meet via Zoom, as well as use an online classroom to share photos and ideas

Open to teens ages 13+ anywhere in Michigan

Register at
events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice/
to join



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Registration is now open for the Capturing Our New Normal: A Michigan Teen Photo Project. Participants can register now through April 12, 2020 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice/>



The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is an online, educational experience for students in grades 8-12.

Institute participants research and come up with solutions to our most critical global challenges.



Get started today @

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyi/>



Register by April 15 @

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wfpmyi2020/>



Participate May 7!

The Institute will be presented as an Interactive Zoom web conference!

Registration is now open for the Capturing Our New Normal: A Michigan Teen Photo Project. Participants can register now through April 12, 2020 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/photovoice/>

The Capturing Our New Normal: A Michigan Teen Photo Project will engage youth (ages 13-19) in a series interactive activities which will help them to:

- build new relationships and friendships (virtually) with a diverse group of teens from across Michigan
- amplify youth voices in order to share their perspective, opinions and ideas with others on what is going well in their lives, and what could be better.
- learn photography skills and take photos of what they are experiencing as we adjust to "new normal" lives under the impacts of novel coronavirus in our state and communities.

share and talk about their experiences with other teens and supportive adults about the ways that the novel coronavirus has and is impacting our daily lives.

Youth who participate in the project will be guided by experienced staff members from Michigan State University Extension's Children and Youth Institute. Our staff will lead and facilitate small groups of youth (8-10 youth per group) who will meet weekly April 13 - June 1, 2020 using the online Zoom meeting platform. During our weekly Zoom meetings, youth participants will learn basic photography skills and form relationships with other teens from across Michigan. Access to a digital camera is not required, youth will be able to participate in project successfully using the camera on a smartphone.

In between our weekly Zoom meetings, participants will take photos to document things in their life that are going well, and things that could be better, under the impact of the novel coronavirus. During Zoom meetings, staff will facilitate group conversations where youth participants will share their photos and talk about things that are happening in their lives and their community.

Youth participants will have the option of including their photos in an online photo gallery at the end of the project that will serve as a way for Michigan teens to share their experiences and voices as a way to educate others and advocate for positive changes in our communities and our state.

Participants will need to have internet access in order to participate in the project. Video conferencing in the Zoom meetings can be accessed via a computer, tablet, or smartphone with a camera and microphone. For those without high speed internet access that would allow for participating in a video conference on Zoom, a call in phone option will also be available in order to participate.

Parents/guardians of minors must fill out permission forms as part of the online registration process. Our first Zoom meeting will be Monday, April 13 from 3 - 4 p.m.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR

BIOSECURITY AT THE DOG SHOW

How to keep you and your dogs healthy at the dog show.

April 9th at noon!

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/282058887>

