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October 2021

Isabella County

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2021-2022 4-H Club Enrollments

All 4-H club enrollments (<http://v2.4honline.com/>) are due October 31 for members and leaders who are re-enrolling in Isabella County 4-H. Reminder, we are not collecting participation fees this year.

Annual Club Financial Summary Reports

REMINDER - due by October 15 to Kristi at schrei61@msu.edu.
Your club enrollments will remain "pending" until the report is turned in.

A fillable version is available at:
https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit

Virtual Cooking Series

"Cooking with Kristi 2" will be launching October 15! Six delicious and innovative recipes will be featured. Open to all youth ages 8 - 19.

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CookingWithKristi2/>

Attention Leaders! Volunteer Central Update

PLEASE make sure you start checking your emails (including junk and spam folders) because you will be sent email reminders to go in and sign your Code of Conduct and Background check permissions, also known as Annual Compliance. Please read below:

How will volunteers know when to complete their Annual Compliance in Volunteer Central?

Volunteers will be receiving their emails to complete their Annual Compliance from Volunteer Central at the following intervals 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day prior. Please remember you need to complete the Authorization for their background check and the Code of Conduct each year in order to be in compliance with MSU's policy for volunteering. The time in which you will receive this email is dependent on when you completed this process last year; most completed these steps mid-September to December.



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Retrograde Rhapsody - We celebrated the end of the 4-H year with a virtual pizza party. Each member was awarded a participation trophy for their showmanship in our Retrograde Rhapsody Virtual Fair. We also had fun playing minute to win it games.

Dairy Dreamers - Cristin Theisen, Lydia Deters, Abbie Wilson, and Emily Wilson represented Michigan at the All-American Youth Dairy Management Contest in Harrisburg, PA last week. Our team finished 3rd overall with Emily Wilson making the top 10 with an 8th place out of 144 participants! On the trip we also visited McConnells Mill State Park in Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, and the Flight 93, 9/11 Memorial.

We Are Seeking Adult 4-H Council Representatives

We have four board positions up for election: Ongria Dow, Don Kistler, Katherine Squire and Andrew Wittbrodt have all graciously agreed to run again. We are accepting nominations "from the floor."

This is open to any registered adult volunteer leader of the Isabella County 4-H program who has completed at least one year of volunteer service and is currently enrolled as a volunteer leader.

Please email your nominations to Kristi Schreiber, schrei61@msu.edu by October 15.

If no nominations are received, we will accept the slate as presented.

Scholarship Opportunities

One of the many benefits of Michigan 4-H membership is the chance to apply for several post-secondary scholarships that are available only to 4-H members throughout the state. These Michigan 4-H scholarships provide a tremendous opportunity for 4-H youth to receive financial support toward their post-secondary education – and they are simple to complete! But time is running out - the deadline for applications is November 1!

Michigan 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Scholarships

Award amount: \$500 per scholarship, up to four scholarships are given annually

Michigan State University 4-H Scholarships

Award amount: \$2,500 annually for four consecutive years of full-time study at MSU. A minimum of four scholarships are given annually.

Michigan State University - Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Michigan 4-H Foundation also offers scholarships to attend Michigan State University. There is no separate application process for these scholarships – recipients are selected from the MSU 4-H Scholarship applicant pool above. Current scholarships include:

- Sigma Alpha Sorority 4-H Scholarship – Award amount: \$1,000
- Lowell and Carol Spike Memorial 4-H Scholarship – Award amount: \$1,000

For more information about the 4-H scholarships and to access the applications please visit:

[4-H scholarships web page.](#)



REGISTER TODAY!

**MICHIGAN 4-H CREATIVE
ARTS CELEBRATION!
ONE DAY WORKSHOP!**

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

4-H GROWS HERE

DNR - Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon

Adult Volunteers: registration is now open!

Do you love arts & crafts? Do you enjoy sewing & textiles? Does sharing creative arts activities with your 4-H'ers provide you with enjoyment? Then register today for the *2021 Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration One-Day Workshop* held November 13, 2021! Registration fee is covered by Isabella County 4-H Council.

The deadline to register for the event held at the beautiful DNR Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon is October 19, 2021. Connect with instructors, reconnect, or make new friends, be creative, learn new projects, and have an enjoyable experience!

Register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/2021michigan4hcreatiiveartscelebration/>

Isabella County 4-H STEAM Corps News

Currently, there are many 4-H STEAM Clubs occurring virtually throughout the state. If you are interested in Isabella County STEAM Clubs, please complete this survey <https://forms.gle/jj8ZghfdrMuRwjWr9> or contact Mary Lee Humphreys, 4-H STEAM Corps Coordinator at humph186@msu.edu for more information.



Club topics are chosen by members by completing the survey. Previous clubs have included Crime Scene Investigation, Jr. Audubon Explorers, Monarch Conservation, and CodeBreakers! SPIN (SPecial INterest) clubs will pause for September, but we will kick off October with "Good Vibes" followed closely by "Brain Boot Camp" and "Card Sharks."

If you are 5-19 and interested in science, adventure, exploring, fun, and learning - join a club!

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101

Online

Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections

Online

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice

Online

Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting

Online

Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering

Online

Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking

Online

This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management

Online

Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (September 1).

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from system@ecemail.samaritan.com and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." The email will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.

National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9



For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or

your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge.

Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.



Bulb Project

“Grab & Go Workshop”

October 16, 2021
2 PM
Island Park



Get ready to get your hands in the dirt and plant some bulbs this fall for beautiful spring flowers!

Learn to plant a lasagna garden, how to naturalize plants and how to force bulbs in water.



Bulb Kits Include:

- 10 Narcissus (daffodil) bulbs
- 20 Grape Hyacinth bulbs



Register by October 8 to:
Kristi Schreiber, schrei61@msu.edu
(989) 317-4079



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4-H Halloween Craft Opportunity

October 16th @ 10AM | Location
TBD

Want to get a jump on a fair
project or learn more about 4-H?

Use the QR code below to sign up! \$5 per youth
to participate to cover the cost of supplies. All
is welcome to participate!

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learn more about this event, send your
inquiries to Hannah Tomasek
email: tomas1hs@cmich.edu

Kristi Schreiber 4-H Program Coordinator Isabella
County MSU Extension email: schrei61@msu.edu

Masks are required





**OPTION
1**

**OPTION
2**





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Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

ADVISORS:

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ON THE WEB:

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

APPLY BY OCT. 31:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc21/>



TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2022, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a committee. SYLC member terms are two years, running January 1, 2022– December 31, 2023.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.

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SYLC Applications Open

When and where do SYLC members meet?

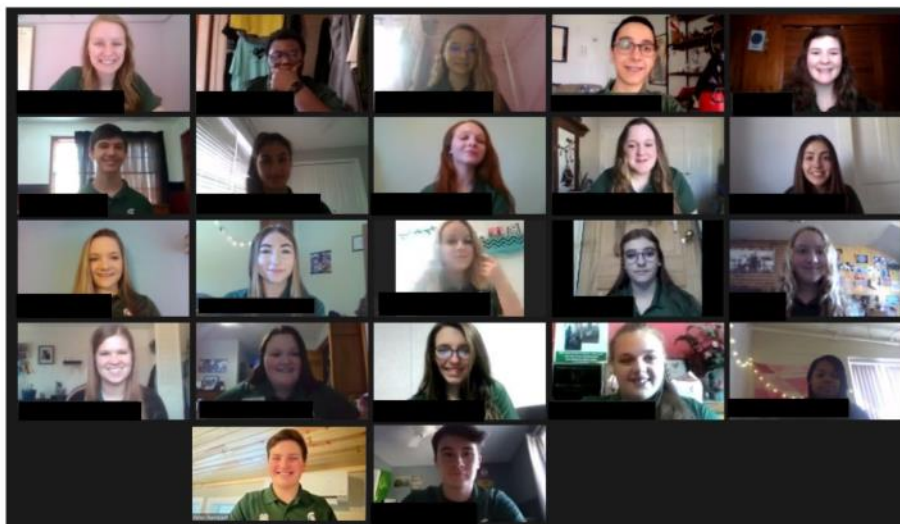
The council meets monthly as a full group and monthly in regional groups using Zoom online video conferencing. If possible, SYLC will hold two in-person meetings annually in conjunction with other state 4-H events: 4-H Youth Leadership and Global Citizenship Spectacular and 4-H Exploration Days.

Why would youth be interested in SYLC?

SYLC is Michigan's highest youth leadership opportunity and is a goal that older youth can aspire toward. SYLC members receive training and experience in public speaking, advocacy, communication, and leadership skills. Members are invited to represent Michigan 4-H at events across the state. In addition, SYLC members form friendships and a professional network with other 4-H members from across Michigan, and have fun!

"Being a SYLC member is a fun way to meet other 4-Hers who care about making a difference. I have learned a lot about communicating virtually and staying active in 4-H through the pandemic. Being a SYLC member has made me a more knowledgeable and creative leader."

- Micaela Geborkoff, 2021-22 SYLC member



"SYLC has given me an opportunity to further hone my leadership skills in ways that are only possible when surrounded by peers with similar passions."

- Addy Battel, 2018-19 SYLC member

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COOKING WITH KRISTI

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.

To register:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CookingWithKristi2/>



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All youth who post pictures of all six recipes by December 31, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for a prize package of fun kitchen items! Participants who confirm they have completed the survey included in the initial welcome email will get an additional entry into the drawing. There will be up to 5 winners.

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Making Food Your Business SPIN CLUB

DATE & TIME:
**Mondays and
Thursdays**

**October 4 thru
October 25th**

4:30 to 5:30 pm, EST

Topics covered:

**Cottage Food Law
Entrepreneurship
Labels &
Packaging
Locations to
Market Product
Pricing
Journaling**

LOCATION:

**Virtual: join a live Zoom
webinar from home**

COST:

Free

Prepare yourself for the future!



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth **13 to 19 years** old interested in develop a food business

DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever wanted to make food and sell it? Each meeting time a different topics will be explored to help youth be learn how to create a food base business and follow the Michigan Food Cottage Law. Make a flavored popcorn from start to finish and showcase your product in a final presentation.

REGISTER:

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

CONTACT:

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

Get Text Reminders

To receive reminder text messages (via Remind App) with important dates and times of Isabella County 4-H events:

Text “@6c82ek6” to “81010”

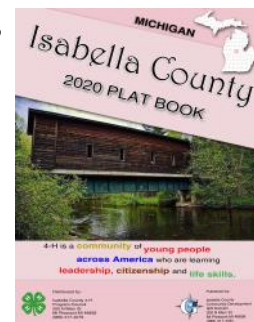
LIKE our Isabella County 4-H Facebook page to stay up to date on all the latest news and events:



<https://www.facebook.com/IsabellaCounty4H/>

Isabella County Plat Books Now Available

Cost for each book is \$30 and can be purchased at the MSU Extension office, Isabella County Register of Deeds, Colonville Country Store, Jay's Sporting Goods, Farm Service Agency in Mt. Pleasant, or Farwell Trading Post.



Isabella County 4-H Calendar

October 5	Horse Leaders @ Fairgrounds	7 PM
16	Halloween Craft Day @ TBD	10 AM
16	Grab & Go Bulb Workshop @ Island Park	2 PM
21	Small Animal Association @ Fairgrounds in the Small Animal Barn	7 PM
26	4-H Council @ Zoom/TBD	7 PM

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