



Macomb County

# 4-H Family News

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## Macomb County 4-H News & Events

### Macomb County 4-H Youth Council meets July 15

The next [Macomb County 4-H Youth Council](#) meeting is July 15, 2021 at 6 p.m. Contact the [Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office](#) to request the Zoom meeting link.

### Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers recognized

To anyone who has spent any time as a 4-H volunteer or member you know that it becomes more than just an extracurricular activity. 4-H is a community and becomes an important part of your life. 4-H volunteers and members make clear conscious decisions to make 4-H a priority in their valuable time because they know the outcomes are so great. One way we recognize those who have gone above and beyond what is expected are 4-H State Awards. MSU Extension is excited to celebrate and recognize the following volunteer and members for making 4-H their priority.

- **50 Years or More of Service to Michigan 4-H - Michael Fleming:** Volunteers are critical to MSU Extension programs and they are the core of Michigan 4-H. For the last half century, Michael has played a critical role in the Macomb community by impacting countless numbers of Macomb youth. Michael has been the Almont Livestock 4-H Club leader for 62 years. He has maintained interest in the Beef, Swine and Sheep project areas. By giving his time, skills and expertise, he has enhanced the lives of youth and helped to give our 4-H'ers an incredible gift: a solid foundation for a successful future. Our deepest gratitude goes to Michael Fleming.
- **4-H Senior State Award Member - Aubrey Richards:** Michigan 4-H State Awards has been selected as a 4-H State Award delegate for 2021. Only applicants that have been selected as delegates will be recognized in the 4-H State Awards program and celebration during 4-H Exploration Days June 23, 2021. Aubrey, a member of the City Slickers 4-H club was selected for the *Civic Engagement and Service* project area, Sr Division. Aubrey has been a 4-H member for seven years. She accredits her experience in 4-H for giving her many amazing opportunities to improve herself and help others. Congratulations, Aubrey!
- **4-H Mark of Excellence recipient - Avery Stallmann:** The Mark of Excellence is the Junior State level of recognition. Avery has been in 4-H and a member of the Ray Community 4-H club says her time in 4-H has granted her many opportunities to gain self-confidence through community service and citizenship. Avery demonstrates her confidence and leadership by becoming the Reporter for the Macomb County Youth Council. She especially enjoys her bunny project and time spent at Wolcott Farms. Congratulations, Avery!

### Macomb County 4-H Awards Program

Michigan 4-H members currently enrolled in a Macomb County 4-H program and are 11 to 19 years of age as of January 1 of the current program year are eligible for the Macomb County 4-H Awards Program! We want to recognize Macomb County 4-H youth for engaging in learning experiences that resulted in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

Why should you apply? Participating in the County 4-H Awards Program will help you:

Learn how to better communicate your accomplishments on a professional application such as scholarships, college entrance applications, resumes, and cover letters for employment  
Have more experience and be better able to communicate during job interviews  
Be encouraged to set new goals, continue building skills and assets, and broaden interests  
Win a cash prize

Macomb County 4-H members and volunteers are encouraged to checkout the new [Macomb County 4-H Awards Program website](#), which houses the applications for each type of award offered. The website also offers awards that require a nomination such as [Clear the Hurdle Award](#), [Sportsmanship Award](#), [4-H Volunteer of the Year](#), [4-H Leader of the Year](#), [4-H Lifetime Achievement](#), and [Friend of 4-H](#).

Let's work together to recognize everyone's hard-work, resiliency, and learning this year! Applications and nominations are due September 30, 2021. Questions? Contact 4-H Program Coordinator, Katelyn Golembiewski, at [burnska9@msu.edu](mailto:burnska9@msu.edu). Thank you to the Macomb County 4-H Youth Council and Awards and Recognition Subcommittee for your hard work and feedback surrounding the awards program.

### **Macomb County youth place in Money Smarts Contests**

Youth from Macomb County competed impressively in the 2021 Cash Composition and Show Your Money Smarts contests. Both contests were held during the month of April, which was also Financial Literacy Month.

Macomb County's [Cash Composition Contest](#) winners were Anna Schroeder of Unleashed 4-H Club (grand prize) and Jillian Richards of City Slickers 4-H Club. The Cash Composition Contest required Michigan youth ages 9-13 to write an essay about the difference between savings and in an investment, and what would be a good investment for their communities to create a more diverse, equitable and inclusive environment. There were some fantastic essays submitted!

[Show Your Money Smarts Contest](#) winners included Aubrey Richards of City Slickers 4-H Club and Elisabeth McCallum Polleys. The 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest challenged Michigan youth ages 14-19 to learn about financial pitfalls and challenges and display their knowledge using the Quizizz app. Participants had the opportunity to win a \$1,000 contribution to their MESP and/or MET 529 or \$250 cash. Winners scored 90% or above on the contest Quizizz questions, which included tough questions on fraud and scams.

Brooke, Aubrey and Jillian Richards and Anna Schroeder (Macomb) have decided to return or become 4-H Money Smart Youth Ambassadors for the 2021-2022 year, along with Will Murphy (Kalamazoo), Alexis Van Note (Clinton), Harper-Jane Adkins (Washtenaw), Brannon Roose (Saginaw), Morgan Sieloff (Ingham), Lilly Kulaga (Oakland), Zachary Sieloff (Ingham), and Kimberly Wilson (Griatiot). Money Smart Youth Ambassadors will have additional opportunities to increase their leadership skills by sharing their financial knowledge.

For a complete list of Show Your Money Smarts Contest and Youth Composition Contest winners, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/index> . For more information about these and other financial programs for youth, contact 4-H Educator Kathy Jamieson, [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu), or 4-H Educator Laurie Rivetto, [rivettoL@msu.edu](mailto:rivettoL@msu.edu). The contests were coordinated by MSU Extension and 4-H and were sponsored by [MET/MESP 529](#).

### **Fair Theme**

There was no 4-H Fair Theme selected this year. Please use a general 4-H theme and have fun with it. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

### **Project judges and youth superintendents needed**

If you are interested in helping with Sunday Judging at the Armada Fair on Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> or serving as a youth superintendent for any of the following project areas, please contact Seth Martin at [mart1885@msu.edu](mailto:mart1885@msu.edu).

- Dairy Cattle
- Saddle Horses
- Draft Horses

- Needlework
- Sciences
- Top 4-Her
- Project Books
- Cloverbuds

## Other Local News & Events

### Armada Fair news

**Tagging Dates:** The tagging date for all Poultry & Rabbits is Sunday, July 18 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. For the most updated animal tagging information, visit <https://armadafair.org/livestocksale>.

**Armada Fair Cleanup and Setup:** Mark your calendars for Armada Fair clean-up and set-up. The date for the clean-up is July 11th and the set-up date is August 8th. Volunteers will be needed on these dates to clean up and set up for the 2021 Armada Fair. More details will be shared as they become available.

**Fairbooks and Entry Forms:** [Fairbooks and entry forms](#) are available online for Open & 4-H. Open & 4-H/Youth Entries will be accepted [online](#) and in-person from June 14-July 24, 2021.

Please contact the Armada Fair Office at 586-784-5488 or [office@armadafair.org](mailto:office@armadafair.org) if you have any questions. Office hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday.

*Source: AAS Newsletter, June 2021*

**Hog Show date moved:** Due to the reduction in numbers this year, the Armada Fair Youth Livestock Committee is planning on changing the hog show to **Wednesday morning of Fair at 9 a.m.** All animals will still be weighed/checked-in at the same time on Sunday, August 15th. If you are unaware of weigh-in times, they are listed in the [youth fair book](#).

*Source: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/armadalivestock/>*

## Statewide & National 4-H News & Events



### Michigan 4-H announces return to in-person programming, lifts in-person restrictions

MSU Extension is lifting in-person restrictions! Thanks to thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, Michigan 4-H is excited to once again be hosting face-to-face programs and events.

For more information, please read the message below from Quentin Tyler, MSU Extension Director, and Jake DeDecker, Michigan 4-H State Leader.

Dear 4-H Community -

Earlier this week, Michigan State University removed many of their remaining COVID-19 rules in alignment with the current re-opening of the state announced on June 22. As a result, MSU Extension will no longer have any face-to-face requirements or require approvals for in-person 4-H meetings, activities or events. Michigan 4-H clubs and groups may now meet in-person as desired! Please continue to keep a record of attendance with contact information for each in-person engagement, via meeting minutes, registration, [attendance log](#) or other methods.

Volunteers who have not already done so will need to be in active status in Volunteer Central before re-engaging, but the Communicating Through Conflict training module is no longer required. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator if you have questions about your current volunteer status.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H volunteers hosting in-person events are still encouraged to continue following best practices that allow individuals to increase their comfort level with

meeting in person. This includes meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer at touch points, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them. Flexibility continues to be key and groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

In the coming weeks, your local 4-H program coordinator may offer additional guidance and recommendations for in-person programming, as necessary to meet local needs and issues. Please stay tuned for this helpful information and communicate any questions or concerns directly with your local 4-H professional.

It has been a very long road for our 4-H community since the COVID-19 pandemic landed on our doorsteps last March. In 4-H, learning never stops. We are thankful to have worked virtually with thousands of youth and volunteers over the last year and are very excited to now see you again at in-person 4-H events!

Sincerely,

Quentin Tyler  
Director, MSU Extension

Jake DeDecker  
State Leader, Michigan 4-H

#### **4-H at Home activities**

**[Design Your Own Farm](#)** - Youth in grades 3-5 can use the information about plants, seasons, and animals provided in this activity to create their own virtual farm.

**[4-H Food Fun: Growing and Making Your Own Food](#)** - Learn how to grow your own fruits and vegetables, make your own butter, cheese, and sourdough bread. This activity is designed for youth in grades K-12. Younger youth will need adult supervision.

**[Dancing Pepper](#)** - Youth in preschool-kindergarten will learn with this activity how soap's key molecules protect us from germs.

#### **Find helpful resources on the new Virtual Calming Room web page**

MSU Extension CYI has launched a Virtual Calming Room web page at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-calming-room/>! The page's purpose is to provide a place youth and adults can go (virtually) to take care of themselves, calm, reset, re-center, or just take a break in their day. There are a variety of resources available on the page.



#### **Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens**

4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop! The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the

Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation. **The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.**

#### **Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee**

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.



MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.



## Michigan Tech Wizards Full STEAM Ahead Scavenger Hunt

Did you know you can see STEAM in action at the playground? At your school? Simply by looking out your window? Well we're challenging you to get out there and witness some STEAM in action! Michigan 4-H Tech Wizards is going to be hosting a week-long virtual STEAM scavenger

hunt July 19 thru July 26, 2021 that will challenge you both mentally and physically! Complete missions to earn points. Earn points to win prizes! At the end of the hunt, all participants that have completed all of the missions will be entered into a drawing for the chance at a grand prize! Youth must be age 13 to download the GooseChase app but teams with younger participants are welcome. For more information or to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/TWFullSTEAM/>.



## Entrepreneurship Camp - July 12-15

Learn about the entrepreneur in you by attending this FREE virtual camp with interactive lessons, activities and games with the [4-H Entrepreneurship Camp](#).

Michigan AmeriCorps members will lead Zoom meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST from July 12 until July 15. This camp is open to youth in grades 6-12. For more information and to register visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/entrepreneur-camp-july-12>.

## Michigan Butterfly and Squirrel Trackers: Register by July 1st

Registration has been extended through July 1st for the [Michigan Butterfly and Squirrel Trackers 4-H SPIN Club](#). Do you love Science? Do you love to explore? Join friends from Grand Traverse County to learn behaviors and patterns of butterflies and squirrels all while helping Scientists! Each

week we will track and observe different butterfly species in our area, and report our findings to help Michigan Scientists understand the changing population status of our state's butterfly species and evaluate the quality of Michigan ecosystems. The second half we will track squirrels and report the findings. Michigan butterfly watchers & Squirrel trackers SPIN Club will meet again on Thursdays July 1 & 8, Aug 5 & 12 online via zoom. Participants must register and enroll in 4-H Online prior to receiving the zoom link. Register at <https://forms.gle/XSU6BJvSuET5tGhA7>.



**Michigan Butterfly & Squirrel Trackers**  
 Registration is now open for a new Virtual 4-H SPIN Club!

**Do you love Science? Do you love to explore?**  
 Join friends from Grand Traverse County to learn behaviors and patterns of butterflies and squirrels all while helping Scientists! The first part we will track and observe different Butterfly species in our area and the second half we will track squirrels. Our findings will be reported to help Michigan Scientists understand the changing population status of our state's butterfly species and evaluate the quality of Michigan ecosystems.

We will meet Thursdays June 24, July 1 & 8, Aug 5 & 12 online via zoom. Participants must register and enroll in 4-H Online prior to receiving the zoom link.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3uJpTCO> or scan the QR code

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### Filmfest 4-H 2021 - August 7-8

Filmfest 4-H is August 7-8, 2021, and it's open to 4-H'ers all over the United States ages 11-18. FilmFest 4-H features workshops with professionals in the film industry, networking with other creative youth from across the country and an opportunity to showcase your work. Featured speakers

include Moriah Benton, Character Designer at Cartoon Network; Colton Jackson, Composer, Sound Designer and Foley Artist; John Presley, Producer; and Michael Cleveland, Subject of Flamekeeper: The Michael Cleveland Story.

This year, in addition to the traditional screenplay competition, a maximum of 1 (one) screenplay submission per participant will be accepted. For specifics and formatting instructions, please see the [guidelines](#).

#### Important Links:

- Registration - <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/filmfest-4-h-2021>
- Film/Screenplay Submission - <https://bit.ly/2Uc79D8>
- Guidelines - <https://bit.ly/3j3sp7vC>

Filmfest 4-H is an online event. The cost is \$35 per participant. Additional fees apply for film submissions. Register and submit films by July 11, 2021.



**Virtual Creative Cards 2 SPIN Club**  
 July 19th - August 23rd  
 Meeting via zoom  
 Open to youth statewide ages 8-13  
 Must enroll in 4-H Online to receive the kit!

### Back by popular demand: Creative Card Club

Do you like scrapbooking? What about card making? 4-H STEAM members from Bay and Luce Counties are joining forces to bring you an awesomely creative mash-up of Creative Card Making! Join this returning 4-H SPIN Club to bring out your creative side. Together we will be making six different types of greeting cards. This club is open to youth ages 8-13, statewide.

Card crafting supply kits will be sent to registered youth once they are enrolled in 4-H Online. Crafting meetings will be held Mondays from July 19-August 23, from 3-4 p.m. EST. Register online at <https://forms.gle/x3Gu83teiQGFRrql7> for questions contact Mariah Kucera at [Kucerama@msu.edu](mailto:Kucerama@msu.edu) or Ashley Freed at [freedash@msu.edu](mailto:freedash@msu.edu).

### 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to



**4-H SPARTAN CODING CAMP**

JOIN US ONLINE!  
 4-H SPARTAN CODING CAMP

- Developing your own tech ideas: designing and coding a personal website from scratch.
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a website.
- Discovering the essentials of web design and development.
- Practicing coding skills in HTML, CSS, JS, Ruby, Rails and GitHub.
- Enhancing your passion for technology and growing real-world skills.
- Exploring career opportunities available at MSU.

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develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!

This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. Space is limited, register online by July 12 at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp-](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp-). The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu).

## Calendars of Events

### July 1

[4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command](#)

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

### July 1, 8 and August 5, 12

[Butterfly and Squirrel Trackers](#)

Online

### July 8

[4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command](#)

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

### July 10

[MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021](#)

Online

Are you 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 monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

### July 11

Armada Fair Clean-Up

Time TBA, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### July 12

[Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature](#)

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app GooseChase.

### July 12-15

[Entrepreneurship Camp](#)

Online, 11:30-1 p.m. daily

### July 14

[4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp](#)

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

### July 15

[Macomb County 4-H Youth Council Meeting](#)

Online, 6 p.m.

### July 17

[4-H Spartan Coding Camp](#)

Online

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### July 18

[Armada Fair Poultry & Rabbit Tagging](#)

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### July 19-26

[Full STEAM Ahead Scavenger Hunt](#)

Online

### July 19-August 23

[Virtual Creative Cards 2 SPIN Club](#)

Online, 3-4 p.m. Mondays

### August 7-8

[Filmfest 4-H 2021](#)

Online, register by July 11

### August 8

Armada Fair Set-Up

Time TBA, Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

### August 15

Armada Fair Project Judging

Armada Fairgrounds, Armada

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

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