



Monroe County 4-H Network

**4-H Family News**

April 2021

**During the transition...**

Please use this as a guide as we work to serve the Monroe County 4-H Program to the best of our abilities given the challenging circumstances. *Your patience and understanding is very much appreciated!*

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All Animals  
Fair Planning

\*\*please note this is not an exhaustive list of responsibilities and any questions can continue to be addressed to either MSUE staff members.\*\*

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**Google Calendar**

<https://bit.ly/3mk4xgv>

**Office Hours**

(currently working remotely)

Monday-Friday

8:30am-4:30pm

**Social Media**

Facebook:

@MonroeCountyMI4H

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Pinterest:

@monroecounty4hprogram

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# April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 State Awards & Mark of Excellence DUE  **Last day to register for 2020-21 4-H!!!  Last day to order ducks!	2	3
4 	5 7pm 4-H Council @ Zoom	6 7pm Swine Workshop @ Zoom	7 6:30pm 4-H Expos Planning Meeting @ Zoom	8	9 Last day to register for Virtual 4-H Mini Expo	10
11	12 7pm Horse & Pony @ Zoom	13	14 7pm Rabbit, Cavy & Pocket Pet Workshop @ Zoom  7pm Sheep Workshop @ Zoom	15 7pm Fair Advisory Board @ Zoom	16 4-H Scholarships & Interview Sign-up DUE  Last day to register for Virtual 4-H Teen Expo	17
<b>SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL 4-H MINI EXPO</b>						
18	19 7pm Small Animal Assoc @ Zoom	20	21 7pm Junior Livestock @ Zoom	22 7pm Broiler Workshop @ Zoom	23	24
<b>SAVE THE DATE: VIRTUAL 4-H TEEN EXPO</b>						
25	26 5pm Scholarship Interviews @ Zoom	27 6pm 4-H CSI 7pm 4-H Dog Program	28 7pm Teen Ambassadors @ Zoom	29 7pm Rabbit, Cavy & Pocket Pet Workshop @ Zoom	30	

# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9am-12pm Sheep & Swine Tagging @ Fair- grounds
2	3 7pm 4-H Coun- cil @ Zoom	4 7pm Broiler Workshop @ Zoom  Last day to or- der broilers	5	6 Duck pick-up	7	8
9	10 7pm Horse & Pony @ Zoom	11	12	13 5:30pm OR 7pm Pre-Fair/ Leader Update @ Zoom	14	15
16	17	18	19 7pm Junior Livestock Assoc @ Zoom  6pm 4-H Dog Program Man- datory Mtg (Agility to fol- low), if in per- son	20	21	22
23	24 7pm Small Ani- mal Assoc @ Zoom	25 7pm Dog Pro- gram Meeting @ Zoom	26 7pm Teen Am- bassadors @ Zoom	27	28	29
30	31 					

# Pre-Fair Leader Update Meeting Info

It's getting to be that time of year once again, and fair season will be here before we know it! As a result of COVID-19 and still operating virtually, **we will be hosting 2 VIRTUAL opportunities via Zoom** for club leaders to connect with us to get all of the updates to prepare for the upcoming fair, including modified processes for distributing, completing, and collecting any necessary fair-related registration materials. The Pre-Fair Leader Update is the time for leaders of each club to be provided with all registration materials required to all your members to exhibit at the 2021 Monroe County Fair.

The General Superintendents along with 4-H Staff will be connected to bring you up to speed on what we know so far in the fair planning efforts. Even through this different delivery method of hosting the meeting, **ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED—attendance will be taken!** Additionally, to be eligible, by April 1st all members and GOLD volunteers must have completed enrollment in 4-H Online and processed their consents for background checks in Volunteer Central. Silver volunteers must have completed their consents for background checks in Volunteer Central only, no need to enroll in 4-H Online.



**MEETING DATES (you only have to attend one meeting-they will NOT be recorded)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 5:30PM OR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 7:00PM**

## **CONNECTION INFORMATION**

Join Zoom Meeting from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:

<https://msu.zoom.us/j/99192624755> Passcode: prefair

Dial by your location +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) Meeting ID: 991 9262 4755

## **HOW TO CONNECT (Just a few tips and tricks if this is your first time using Zoom)**

- ⇒ Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app from your device app store. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.
- ⇒ Each meeting has a unique 9, 10, or 11-digit number called a meeting ID that will be required to join a Zoom meeting.
- ⇒ If you are joining via telephone, you will need the “dial by location” number provided in the invite above.



MONROE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

# **MINI EXPO: VIRTUAL-STYLE**

**APRIL 12-14**

**\*VIRTUAL "LIVE" WORKSHOPS\***

**\*YOUTUBE VIDEOS\***

**\*SELF-PACED KITS\***

**Who: Open to youth 8-14 years old**

Register at <https://bit.ly/31IQc3S>

**Registrations due by April 9, 2021!**

Checks payable to Monroe County 4-H Council.

Mail to: MSU Extension 963 S. Raisinville Road, Monroe,  
MI 48161

## **Kit Pick-Up Info**

Monroe County MSU Extension Office

**Tues 4/13-Thurs 4/15 10am-4pm**

**\*\*please call 734-240-3182 if you need other arrangements\*\***

# Virtual "LIVE" Workshops

6:30-7:15PM VIA ZOOM

LINKS WILL BE EMAILED TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

**Monday, April 12: All About 4-H (\$1.00)**

**Tuesday, April 13: Fair 101 (\$1.00)**

**Wednesday, April 14: Melted Crayon Art (\$5.00)**

## YouTube Tutorials

VISIT: ([HTTP://BIT.LY/3CLMYGG](http://bit.ly/3CLMYGG))

VIDEOS AVAILABLE STARTING 4/12

- **Painting with a Stencil (\$5.00)**
- **Start with a Cake Mix (\$3.00)**
- **Macrame (\$3.00)**
- **Greeting Cards (\$4.00)**
- **Christmas Ornaments (\$5.00)**
- **Safety & First Aid (\$5.00)**

## Self-Paced Kits

KITS PICKED UP AT MSU EXTENSION OFFICE

**Artistic Seed Design (\$3.00)**

**Painted Clay Pots (\$5.00)**

**Tie Rag Wreaths (\$4.00)**

**Yard Art (\$5.00)**

**Scrapbooking (\$3.00)**

**Costume Masks (\$3.00)**

**Scavenger Hunt (\$1.00)**

**Snowflake Wall Decor (\$3.00)**





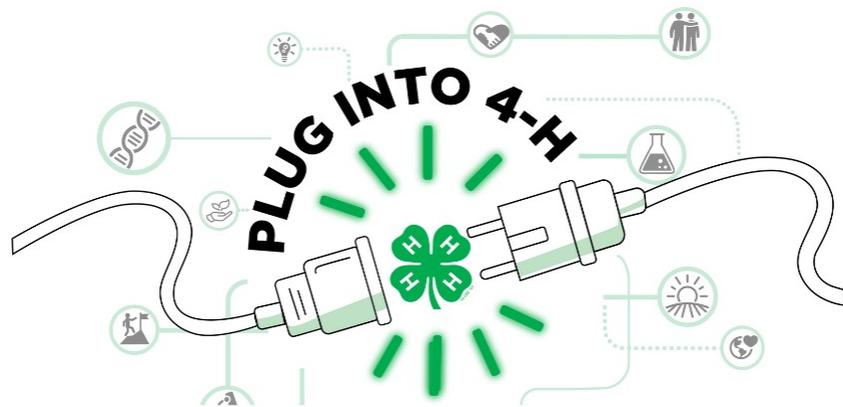
# COUNTY SCHOLARSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE!



Attention High School Seniors OR students enrolled in post-HS classes!! Applications are now available for submission via Google Sites and can be found on the Monroe County MSU Extension website [https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe\\_county\\_4\\_h/monroe\\_county\\_4\\_h\\_1\\_1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/monroe/monroe_county_4_h/monroe_county_4_h_1_1).

Applications are DUE via electronic portal [here](#) by 5pm on Friday, April 16, 2021. Interviews will be Monday, April 26, 2021 via Zoom. Schedule your interview timeslot by visiting: <http://bit.ly/2021scholarships4h>. You will be sent the Zoom link to log in for you interview after the submission deadline.

## Save the Date



**2021 MICHIGAN 4-H**  
EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.



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**Monroe County 4-H Council will be providing scholarships to youth who plan to participate!!**



- YQCA (8-19  
year olds)

Beef Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle,  
Goats

Market Poultry, Market Rabbits

- Participation Options

Online: \$12/youth. Visit [yqca.org](http://yqca.org) (use  
4honline login credentials)

In Person: to be determined-don't rely on  
this option!!!

**Reminder!!!**  
**DUE: June 1, 2021**

## 2021 JLA Dates

### Sheep Workshop

April 14 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/96717983792> Passcode: 846257

May 19 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91795160527> Passcode: 409733

### Swine Workshop

April 6 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/91944395070> Passcode: 239256

May 11 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97841160911> Passcode: 712056

May 1 9am-12pm Sheep & Swine Tagging @ Fairgrounds

June 7 6pm All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic

July 6 6pm Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds

July 31st Animal Check-in

August 1st-7th—Monroe County Fair!

\*\*All workshops are currently scheduled to be held via Zoom Webinar. All dates/locations are subject to change\*\*

# Attention Sheep and Swine Exhibitors!!!

The Monroe County 4-H Junior Livestock Association has been hard at work to make necessary decisions regarding the shortage of availability in processing options for sheep and swine. Please read further to see how this may affect you!

## Swine

- Each member may **exhibit 2** individual pigs. However, youth may only **sell 1** through the fair auction per pound, while the other will go to market/resale at Napoleon Livestock for current market price.
- If a youth has 2 pigs in the top 4 both pigs will be sold in the fair auction.
- The higher placing pig in each pen will be sold in the auction. The other will go to Napoleon.
- Swine will remain a terminal sale. All pigs exhibited must be sold & transported through approved JLA transportation.

## Sheep

- Each member may **exhibit 2** individual lambs. However, youth may only **sell 1** through the fair auction per pound, while the other will go to market/resale at United Producers, Inc. for current market price.
- If a youth has 2 lambs in the top 4 both lambs will be sold in the fair auction.
- The higher placing lamb in each pen will be sold in the auction. The other will go to United Producers, Inc.
- Youth will be able to declare “no sale”, following all rules/timeline established in Premium Catalog.

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## Sheep & Swine Tagging

Saturday, May 1, 2021

9am-12pm

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### Updates to Official Identification for Exhibition Swine 2021

For the 2021 exhibition year and beyond, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) will no longer provide bulk orders of the plastic NUES tags for county fairs to use as official ID as they have in the past.

So, what does this mean for you:

- The individual exhibitor or owner of the animal will need to acquire the official identification (ID) for the animal(s) in the form of a USDA 840 tag.
  - This can be done by the exhibitor purchasing a pig that has already been tagged with a USDA 840 tag by the breeder or by the exhibitor purchasing USDA 840 tag(s).
  - Exhibitors are strongly encouraged by MDARD to request that tags are placed in the pig before purchasing it.
  - Currently, there is no requirement for in state breeders to provide official ID or USDA 840 tags; instead, this is a service that the breeder can provide for their customers.
- It is illegal to remove official ID tags from an animal. You may not apply an official ID tag if one is present in the animal already. For example: If a pig currently has a USDA 840 tag identifying it, a NUES tag should not be applied to the animal.
- **The Monroe County Fair will still require a non-official fair specific identification tag for the exhibition event.**

More information regarding the changes for official identification of exhibition swine can be found [here](#).

# 2021 SAA Dates

## Rabbit, Cavy & Pocket Pet Workshop

April 14 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/96227746356> Passcode: 383605

April 29 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/95787975928> Passcode: 102716

## Broiler Workshop

April 22 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97709439509> Passcode: 402695

May 4 7pm <https://msu.zoom.us/j/99613372606> Passcode: 677181

## Dogs

May 19 6pm **Mandatory Dog Program Meeting** (Agility to follow on Fairgrounds-only if able to be in-person)-*stay tuned for more info!!*

June 7 6pm **Mandatory Dog Program Meeting** (same night as the Fitting & Showing Clinic)

June 10 6pm **Agility Clinic** (only if able to be in-person)-*stay tuned for info!!*

June 13 1pm **Fun Match** (Registration is at 12pm noon; only if able to be in-person)-*stay tuned for more info!!*

## Other Details

June 7 6pm **All Species Fitting & Showing Clinic**

July 6 6pm **Barn Set-Up @ Fairgrounds**

July 31st **Animal Check-in**

August 1st-7th—**Monroe County Fair!**

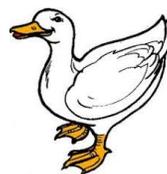
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## Broilers and Ducks:

### ORDER NOW!!



### Pricing

Ducks: \$3.00 each

Broilers: \$1.75 each

\*must order no later than April 1st

\*must order no later than May 4th

\*\*pick up will be May 6\*\*

\*\*pickup will be June 17th\*\*

To order or for more information, please contact

Barbara Siebarth 419-350-9482 or Susan Arting 734-649-4117.

REMEMBER: Broilers MUST be purchased through the Small Animal Association!

## Teen Ambassadors continue their Community Service Efforts

The Teen Leader members of the Monroe County 4-H Teen Ambassadors charged themselves with the task to create 90 homemade greeting cards and collect a variety of activity or word search-like books to donate to nursing home facilities in Monroe County! The teens have continued to persevere and come up with new community service ideas as we can't meet in person just quite yet.

These members did an amazing job providing over 90 Spring or Easter cards and books to residents at Wellsprings! Way to go!

To follow the latest happenings with Teen Ambassadors, follow the group on Facebook "Monroe County 4-H Teen Ambassadors"!



## Congrats, Grad!! We want to CELEBRATE YOU!!



Congrats, GRADUATE!!! We are sorry that at this time we will be unable to celebrate your 2021 HS graduation accomplishment together at our traditional, in-person 4-H Graduation Party. However, we are still committed to recognizing you with a certificate, USB and tassel, compliments of Monroe County 4-H Teen Ambassadors! Please use this [form](#) to make your request for such item and we will make arrangements for pick-up after the deadline--we will email you when they're ready!!

We are so proud of your graduation and your involvement in 4-H! We hope that you continue on in your involvement as you approach your last year(s) as a youth member, but certainly hope your passion for the program doesn't stop there as there's so many opportunities to continue the great work as a volunteer in 4-H, too!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Sara via email at [seitzsa1@msu.edu](mailto:seitzsa1@msu.edu).



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# Gold Status Volunteer

**Definition:** These individuals interact with youth and/or adults in meaningful ways on behalf of MSU Extension, including providing training, education, leadership or support to MSU Extension offices, programs, events or sub-organizations such as a 4-H club, an Extension Master Gardener class or association.

## Examples of Gold Volunteers:

- Individuals representing MSU Extension programs at outreach events, such as an informational table at a farmers market, activity table at a school event, or demonstrations at a community event.
- 4-H club and project leaders of any capacity or superintendents who have regular, direct contact with participants.
- Event chaperones.
- Unsupervised instructors/presenters at activities such as 4-H Exploration Days, camp programs and one-time educational events.
- Unpaid positions that supervise other volunteers, youth or adults.
- County and state 4-H council and committee members.
- Proud Equestrians Program (PEP) volunteers, regardless of the role they play at the program site.

**ACTION NEEDED!!** Who needs to, complete this process: If you are not a current volunteer and you would like to volunteer in a gold role, you need to apply. Any individual—parent, grandparent, friend, family member, neighbor in the community—who may sign up to serve as a superintendent during fair week should begin the process NOW!! There is no cost to you!

## STEPS TO BECOME AN MSU EXTENSION GOLD STATUS VOLUNTEER:

- ⇒ Application Submission & Review
- ⇒ Criminal History & Sexual Offender Check
- ⇒ 3 references
- ⇒ Interview
- ⇒ Volunteer Training/Onboarding
- ⇒ Enroll in 4-HOnline 2.0 (if approved)

**VOLUNTEER CENTRAL SITE:** [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

**QUESTIONS? Contact Bailey at 734-240-3182 or [binieck4@msu.edu](mailto:binieck4@msu.edu)**



# Silver Status Volunteer

**Definition:** Individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations and no-to-low opportunity to form relationships with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc.

**ACTION NEEDED!!** Who needs to, complete this process: If you are not a current volunteer and you would like to volunteer in a silver role, you need to apply. Any individual—parent, grandparent, friend, family member, neighbor in the community—who may sign up to work in the 4-H Activity Center or work as a building guard during fair week should begin the process NOW!! There is no cost to you!

## **STEPS TO BECOME AN MSU EXTENSION SILVER STATUS VOLUNTEER:**

- ⇒ Application Submission & Review
- ⇒ Criminal History & Sexual Offender Check
- ⇒ Volunteer Training/Onboarding

**VOLUNTEER CENTRAL SITE:** [https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

**QUESTIONS? Contact Bailey at 734-240-3182 or [binieck4@msu.edu](mailto:binieck4@msu.edu)**

Terra Quest 4-H Presents

# EGG

## MY HOUSE!

**SATURDAY APRIL 3RD**

**Other dates available upon request.**

Surprise the kids with a yard full of eggs on Easter morning! Or have the Bunny himself deliver a yard full of eggs for \$20 extra. Each home will include a letter!

**50 EGGS \$25**  
**100 EGGS \$50**



To order your eggs call:

Becky 734-775-7992

Christina 734-731-0661



## Farm Bureau to Award Scholarships

Monroe County Farm Bureau has again committed to providing three \$750 scholarships to students from our community studying agriculture. The Betty Bliss Scholarship, Dale Lynn Mason Scholarship, and Young Farmer Memorial Scholarship will be awarded this May and local students are encouraged to apply.

To qualify for these scholarships, students must be enrolled in post-secondary education pursuing a career related to agriculture. This includes four-year universities, trade schools, community colleges, and vocational training which supports the agricultural industry, and current students in these programs are also eligible. Farm Bureau membership is not a requirement for selection, but we always encourage membership in the Young Farmer Committee. We hope that our scholarship winners will return to their community after completion of their education.

Application forms may be downloaded from the county Farm Bureau website at [monroe.michfb.com](http://monroe.michfb.com). Completed applications including a one-page essay on the topic, "Which two major issues will define the agricultural industry over the next five years, and how can farmers positively promote the industry as a response to those issues?" along with two letters of recommendation are due back to the County Farm Bureau office in Ida by the end of the day on May 3rd. Applicant interviews will not be required this year. The Young Farmer Committee will select the winners at a special meeting on May 8th.

Winners of the scholarships will receive a check made payable to them and the school they are attending once their first semester's transcripts are submitted which demonstrate proof of enrollment and grades. Winners of a scholarship from previous years are also welcome to reapply, as long as their course of study remains connected to the field of agriculture.

Please contact the Monroe County Farm Bureau office at 734-269-3275 or [MonroeCounty@ctyfb.com](mailto:MonroeCounty@ctyfb.com) for more information.

OPEN TO NEW AND CURRENT 4-H Members: It's time to go "Fishin' in Michigan"! Need fishing supplies? We have you covered! Each participant will receive a FREE rod, reel, fully loaded tackle box, and more! Everything an angler needs to hit the water this season!

This virtual FREE 6-week short-term special interest Club is designed to help youth who are new fishing or those young anglers interested in expanding fishing skills. Youth will be introduced to basic angling ethics and stewardship through interactive games and activities including how to bait a hook, casting, knot tying, and fish cleaning and cooking. This program will run Thursdays April 15-May 6 from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Space is limited to the first 20 registered 4-H Members.

Supplies will be delivered to 4-H members who reside in Saginaw County. Curbside pick-up in ONLY for 4-H Members who live outside Saginaw County and will be scheduled on an individual basis.

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/ProjectFish4HSPINClub/>

The graphic features a central image of a fishing bobber on water. At the top, it says 'MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension' and 'PROJECT FISH 4-H SPIN CLUB Virtual via Zoom'. Below the image, it lists 'OPEN TO CURRENT OR NEW 4-H MEMBERS SPACE IS LIMITED!' and 'Learn Fishing Basics Includes Rod, Reel, Fully Load Tackle Box FREE-No cost Make a Pop Can Caster Fish ID and Conservation'. The dates 'April 15-May 6 Thursdays 4:30-5:30' are in a white box. At the bottom, it says 'LEARN THE BASICS OF FISHING TO ENJOY THE WATER THIS SEASON!' and includes a 'SAFE SPACE' logo and a 'PROJECT FISH' logo.

## Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, Michigan State University Extension 4-H is sponsoring the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5, 2021 to <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CashContest21/>. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing. The winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors where they will have opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest>



## *April is National Financial Literacy Month...*

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Join Michigan 4-H as we hold fun contests and workshops during National Financial Literacy Month this April. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. Two different contests will be offered this year for both 4-H and non 4-H youth residing in Michigan. For more details go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/index>



### **Show your Money Smarts Contest**

April 2021

for 14-19 year olds



Do you want to learn how to avoid financial pitfalls and have an opportunity to win \$250 cash? In this third annual Show Your Money Smarts Contest, Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in this on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April. Contest registration must be complete by April 23, 2021 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart21/>. High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>

JOIN US ONLINE!



## 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

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

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**4-H Dance Party SPIN Club** will begin on Monday, April 12th and end Friday, April 16th, registration closes on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15pm EST. Explore computer coding by programming your own Dance Party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need access to the internet to go to the coding site. This 4-H SPIN Club is **FREE** and **OPEN** to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 8 to 14. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HDancePartySPINClub/>.

This 4-H SPIN Club will meet virtually via Zoom (both computer and smartphone accessible). Zoom link information will only be sent to event registrants that complete their 4-H Online enrollment by April 8<sup>th</sup> (Club is listed under Livingston County – SPIN Club Dance Party Club).

# World Food Prize

## Michigan Youth Institute



Thursday, May 6, 2021

Join via Zoom



### How to Prepare!

1. Download the paper instructions from the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute Website
2. Conduct research and write paper
3. Submit research paper and complete registration process
4. Attend the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute!

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**4-H GROWS HERE**

**WORLD  
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PRIZE**



**MICHIGAN YOUTH INSTITUTE**

**AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is a life-changing experience coordinated by Michigan 4-H and MSU where youth engage with leaders and experts on critical global challenges and explore exciting ways to make a difference in Michigan and around the world. Students research issues they care about, and propose their ideas to solve grand global challenges. Learn more and register!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/index>

# Embryology 4-H SPIN Club



TUESDAYS APRIL 13TH-MAY 18TH 4:00-5:00PM

Join now and help grow baby chicks during the new 4-H Embryology SPIN Club! The Club has its own incubator and participants will be watching chicks hatch virtually! A FREE learning kit will be mailed directly to participants and is packed full of eggs-tremely fun supplies for club activities will be mailed to each participant. During the 4-H Embryology SPIN Club, we'll explore parts of a chicken egg, incubator set up, incubation days 1-21 (daily chick development, candling, the hatch!), after the hatch, and chick handling. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is FREE to join and designed for youth ages 8-12 but open to ages 5-19 (adult guidance suggested for younger youth). Meetings will take place Tuesdays, from April 13-May 18th. Registration closes on April 11. Open to all current and new 4-H Members. Register today at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Embryology4hspinclub/>

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If you have trouble registering, or general questions about this club, please email Ashley Rodarte at [rodarte1@msu.edu](mailto:rodarte1@msu.edu).

VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB

# SPOKEN WORD POETRY

JOIN US AS WE TURN YOUR STORIES INTO SPOKEN WORD POEMS!

WHEN: APRIL 16, APRIL 23, APRIL 30,  
MAY 7, MAY 14, AND MAY 21  
4 PM - 5 PM EST

WE WILL BE MEETING ONLINE USING THE ZOOM APP

MUST REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE TO GET ACCESS TO CLUB

FREE AND OPEN TO YOUTH AGES 9 AND UP

PLEASE VISIT [BIT.LY/POETRY4H](http://bit.ly/Poetry4H) TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CLUB AND HOW TO REGISTER ON 4-H ONLINE

Have you ever wanted to know about the secrets to poetry and how to make the words rhyme? Now is the time! Join us as we learn how to write our story on the page. We will help you develop the skill and let your world be the stage. Starting on April 16 at 4 PM, we will show you the steps it takes to get their ideas on paper. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is free to join and open to youth ages 9 and up. For more information and to register, please go to <http://bit.ly/Poetry4H>. Youth must also be enrolled in this club through 4-H Online (Club is listed under Bay County – SPIN Club: Spoken Word Poetry).

If you have trouble registering, or general questions about this club, please email Lance Fowler: [fowler37@msu.edu](mailto:fowler37@msu.edu).

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Do you like scrapbooking? What about card making? Join us for some card making fun! 4-H STEAM Members are bringing you an awesomely creative mash-up of Creative Card Making! Join this new 4-H SPIN Club to bring out your creative side. Together we will be making 6 different types of greeting cards. This club is open to youth ages 8 and up **statewide**! Card crafting supply kits will be supplied to registered youth. Crafting meetings will be held Monday's beginning April 5th - May 3rd, from 5-6 pm. At the end of the club, youth will participate in a service project, donating their cards to a local organization. Register now, spots are limited: <https://forms.gle/UEgzmaz9c9EFgrVx7> for questions contact Mariah Kucera at [Kucorama@msu.edu](mailto:Kucorama@msu.edu) or Ashley Freed at [Freedash@msu.edu](mailto:Freedash@msu.edu)



4-H STEAM MEMBERS  
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## Creative Cards SPIN Club

Open to youth ages 8+  
State Wide  
Card crafting kit supplied

Every Monday from  
5pm to 6pm Starting  
April 5th  
and ending on May 3rd on  
the Zoom App

Register here:

<https://forms.gle/UEgzmaz9c9EFgrVx7>

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AGES: 13-19

NO COST!

## MYSTERY AT THE



## VIRTUAL CLUE

JOIN AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR AS PART OF A TEAM

**Thur., April 8 - 7 pm EDT**

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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/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/VC2Mystery/)

Spring into action and become an Earth Day Hero!

Join us as we learn to become Earth Day Heroes. Every Day can be Earth Day as we learn, create, and experiment with things that can benefit the environment. The club will meet virtually on April 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 at 5:00 PM EDT, beginning April 20, 2021 and concluding April 29, 2021. To receive further instruction, club access, and supplies register at : <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-earth-day-heroes-spin-club>

Have any questions, please contact Martina Valdez @ [valdez3@msu.edu](mailto:valdez3@msu.edu).



SHIAWASSEE COUNTY 4-H PRESENTS

# EARTH DAY HEROES

JOIN US IN THIS FREE VIRTUAL 6 SESSION SPIN CLUB DESIGNED TO MAKE EVERYONE AN EVERYDAY EARTH DAY HERO. EXPERIMENT AND CREATE IN WAYS TO HELP THE BETTER YOUR ENVIRONMENT. EVENT IS OPEN TO AGES 6 -12. 4-H AND NON 4-H MEMEBERS WELCOME.

**APRIL 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29**  
**AT 5:00 PM**

UPON REGISTRATION A KIT WITH MOST OF THE SUPPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN A FEW ITEMS ON THEIR OWN. KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PICK UP OR MAILED IF NON LOCAL. PLEASE SEE REGISTRATION DEADLINE TO INSURE TIMELY DELIVERY.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 11, 2021**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL MARTINA VALDEZ @ [VALDEZM3@MSU.EDU](mailto:VALDEZM3@MSU.EDU)

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JOIN US ONLINE!

## 4-H LEGO MASTER BUILDER SPIN CLUB

*Every day choose to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! Open to all youth aged 5 to 12.*

Sign up by April 22nd!  
Starts: Monday, April 26-30, 2021  
From: 4-5:15pm

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

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Registration is open for the April 4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club, it will begin on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and end Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, registration closes on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. This club will meet virtually every day from 4-5:15 pm EST. Over the course of the week, youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! This 4-H SPIN Club is **FREE** and **OPEN** to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5 to 12. For more information and to register, please visit:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HLEGOspinClubApril/>

This 4-H SPIN Club will meet virtually via [Zoom](#) (both computer and smartphone accessible). Zoom link information will only be sent to event registrants that complete their 4-H

Online enrollment by April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Club is listed under Livingston County – SPIN Club LEGO Master Builder 3).



**THEMED TRIVIA NIGHTS!**  
Virtual 4-H SPIN Club

Join us as we test your knowledge on topics like Disney Movies, Animals, Acronyms, Sports, and "Where in the World!"  
Special Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and individuals!

When: April 5, April 6, April 7, April 8, and April 9  
7 PM - 8 PM EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

**MUST REGISTER** on 4-H Online TO GET ACCESS to club

Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up

Please visit [bit.ly/Trivia4H](http://bit.ly/Trivia4H) to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online

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For one week only, come test your knowledge on topics such as Disney Movies, Animals, Acronyms, Sports, and "Where in the World". Compete as a team of 5 or as an individual and see if you can be crowned the Ultimate Trivia Wizard! Starting on April 5, we will meet every Weeknight until April 9. The winning team and individual will be crowned on the last night and be awarded prizes. This Virtual 4-H SPIN Club is free to join and open to youth ages 10 and up. For more information and to register, please go to <http://bit.ly/Trivia4H>. Youth must also be enrolled in this club through 4-H Online (Club is listed under Bay County – SPIN Club: Themed Trivia Nights!).

If you have trouble registering, or general questions about this club, please email Lance Fowler: [fowler37@msu.edu](mailto:fowler37@msu.edu).

# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## Support 4-H at JOANNs



JOANN 

JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and 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. Learn more at [www.joann.com/4-h/](http://www.joann.com/4-h/).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

### April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

*Zoom Webinar*

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

### April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

*Zoom Webinar*

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

### April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

*Zoom Webinar*

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access .

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

### April 13: Wild Spartans Series - Researching Wildfire

*Zoom Webinar*

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april>

### April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

*Zoom Webinar*

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

### April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

*Zoom Webinar*

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

### April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

*Your local Tractor Supply*

Support 4-H youth from April 28-May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

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

## Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

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. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website 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 the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit [extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities](https://extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities). If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

## Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts).



### Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest).

### Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).

### Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest](https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).

## April is Month of the Military Child!



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose).