

*Montcalm County*

4-H Family News

12/1/2021

Dear 4-H Families,

Thank you to the volunteers and families who have re-enrolled for the 2021-2022 4-H year! If you have questions about your enrollment status please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am looking forward to offering trainings on financials, meeting structure, and officer roles for our leaders and programs focused on environmental stewardship, health, and community service for our members in 2022! I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely, Rachel Sheff | 4-H Program Coordinator

December Events

12/2/21: The [Breslin Center](#) is offering FREE basketball tickets to all 4-H members for the Women's basketball game vs Notre Dame, tomorrow night, Thursday, December 2, at 6:00pm! 4-H members will need to go to the Breslin Will Call, located inside the Hall of History at the Gilbert Pavilion entrance, and say they are 4-H members to receive their tickets! Parking information can be found [here](#). There is strict no bag policy and masks must be worn by all while inside at the Breslin Center. ***Please note—this is NOT the 4-H Day at the Breslin Center event. More information on that event will be released in the near future.***

12/3/21: Time to show your 4-H pride and initiative! Let's work on the "community" part of 4-H! Brad Heft has the 4-H float signed up to be in the Greenville Hometown Christmas Parade this Friday at 6:00 p.m. He is looking for any 4-H youth, volunteers, clubs, and families to ride on the float and/or help pass stuff out. He has done the last 2 parades with only a couple of volunteers and he is asking for more help. Gather a group of friends, do it as a 4-H club event, make it a family activity – help is needed and would be greatly appreciated!!

The parade starts this Friday (12/3/21) @ 6:00 sharp. So if you are willing to help, please meet the float at 5:30. You will need to park in the parking area off Cass Street then walk to the staging area and look for the 4-H float. If you need more information, please reach out to Brad at bmh925@hotmail.com

12/13/21: Youth Livestock Meeting at 6:30pm in the Ash Building. Members will finish the buyer thank you cards and play a holiday themed game. Attendees are encouraged to bring a batch of Christmas baked goods to share!

12/20/21: 4-H Community Connection Committee will be held via Zoom at 7:15 pm. Join us to discuss ideas for community engagement and service.

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**Shop the
Michigan 4-H
store this holiday
season**



Just in time for the holidays, MSU Extension is excited to launch the first-ever Michigan 4-H pop-up shop!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

4-H Events and Workshops

December 6: Future Squad—Making a Connection in a Minute or Less

Zoom Webinar

Did you know that you make a great first impression in one minute or less with a great elevator pitch? Learn how in this interactive session for Future Squad members.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-6

December 7: Grow Your Money— Investing and Risk

Zoom Webinar

Young people have the advantage of time when it comes to investing. Start your path to wealth at a young age and learn how to make your money work for you!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-12-7

December 11: Mason County 4-H Sweet Sales Workshop

West Shore Community College, Scottville, and Zoom Webinar

Learn how to make candy and learn the financial skills to sell your own candy.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-sweet-sales-workshop

December 14: Shiawassee 4-H Family Holiday Goosechase

Online

Use the Goosechase app to collect the array of items requested. Upload the images and receive points for each. Get the whole family involved! Just use your mobile phone and have your family help you.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/shiawassee-4-h-family-holiday-goosechase

December 17: 'Tis the Season to be Scientific Virtual Challenge

Online

Mason County 4-H is hosting a virtual holiday and STEM-themed GooseChase scavenger hunt with prizes going to the top three finishers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/mason-county-4-h-tis-the-season-to-be-scientific-virtual-challenge

December 20: 4-H Future Squad - Are You Paying Yourself First

Zoom Webinar

Putting aside money for the future can help you achieve your goals. Learn how to pay yourself first and create a saving habit in your life for both short-term and long-term goals.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

December 20: Lenawee Junior Master Gardener

Lenawee Intermediate School District Center for a Sustainable Future, Adrian

Do you love plants and gardening? Learn more about plants, soil, and gardening in a year with Junior Master Gardener. The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the university cooperative Extension network.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad12-20

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

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Submit your ideas to host a session at 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is a team effort and we need you! We're seeking inspiring and fun educational sessions for the 2022 4-H Exploration Days event!

An exciting pre-college program for youth ages 12-19, 4-H Exploration Days bring together approximately 1,500 youth from across the state of Michigan. The 2022 event is slated for June 22-June 24, on the campus of MSU and now is your chance to get involved! We are looking for sessions and instructors that allow youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

Sessions will be offered in 2.5, 3 and 6 hour time blocks on Thursday or Friday. Information on instructor roles and session times can be found on the 4-H Exploration Days website under at www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/.

Think outside the box for session ideas! Some great session topic areas in the past included: mental health/self care; a day in the life of a specific career path; recreational sports; art, culture, crafts, music, dance; animals and animal science; coding, website development and technology; and food, nutrition, basic cooking.

The session proposal process is now open until December 15. Notification will be sent by early 2022 regarding acceptance. Please submit your session ideas online at msu.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0iFTMshS4liYerQ.

If you need assistance with the survey, have questions, or would like to brainstorm session ideas or ways to make a topic hands-on, please reach out to Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu and/or send an e-mail to: 4h.expdays@msu.edu.



Explore democracy at the 2022 Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Citizenship Washington Focus is an exciting opportunity for 4-H youth ages 15-19 to spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about the nation's government.

Participants will enjoy hands-on leadership workshops, meet with U.S. senators and representatives and tour historical sites. Featuring national experts and leaders, along with opportunities for career exploration, using your voice and building connections with teens from across the country, this is a can't miss experience for Michigan 4-H'ers!

The Michigan delegation will depart by bus on Saturday, June 25 and return on Friday, July 1. The first stop along the route is the 9/11 Memorial in Pennsylvania followed by an overnight stay in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will visit the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum, travel the battlefields with a licensed tour guide and see the Gettysburg Cyclorama Map of the Civil War before heading on to Washington, D.C.

Once in D.C., the group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland. The cost for this trip is \$2,000 per youth, which includes transportation, lodging, conference costs and most meals. Spaces for this exciting event are limited, to learn more contact your local 4-H program coordinator or email Connie Lange at langeC@msu.edu.



Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!



Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.