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Dear 4-H Family,

Welcome to 4-H, the youth development program of Extension! 4-H provides youth with positive learning experiences that help build character, while developing knowledge and skills that prepare them for the future.

I hope that your experience with Montcalm County 4-H provides your family with a positive experience that you will look back on and remember for years to come. Participation in 4-H should be educational as well as fun for the whole family. I know that 4-H is a large program and can be difficult to navigate, especially for new families; and I hope that this guide will give you the information you need to find your way around.

As you become more and more involved with 4-H, you will continue to have new opportunities – even beyond Montcalm County – because 4-H events occur at the county, state, national, and even international levels! All the fun starts at the club level. I encourage you to become very active with your 4-H club. Throughout the year, I ask that you keep in mind that most 4-H experiences are made possible by volunteers. Volunteers and 4-H staff will do their best to make the experience positive for your family. Throughout the year, you and your family may also be asked to lend a hand; please remember that many hands make light work, so if everyone pitches in a little the job will be done quickly. I understand that families are very busy, but any amount of help your family provides is appreciated to make sure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the experience.



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If you have any questions throughout your 4-H journey, you can always reach out to the Extension office by calling 989-831-7514 or reach me via email at haglun10@msu.edu.

Sincerely,

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