

*Osceola County*

4-H Family News

September 2020

Dear 4-H members, leaders, parents, and supporters,

September 1st starts a new 4-H year and since last year we had many new members join and participate in 4-H. Please spread the word about 4-H to your friends, family, and anyone you may know so we can keep growing. For the upcoming program year there is no fees to be active in 4-H. It has been many years since this has happened and I would like to see Osceola County to take full advantage of this.

As we continue to move forward during the pandemic, Osceola County 4-H is only doing virtual programs and meetings with no face to face until further notice. As we move thru the virtual format we will be having our first OLC/Small Animal education meeting this month. We split the youth into two groups 11 and under and 12 and up. An email will come out the day of the education event with a link and for those that need to dial in a phone number. Please see page 5 for further information. For clubs that would like to meet virtually please contact me, and I will help you get everything set up.

Sincerely,

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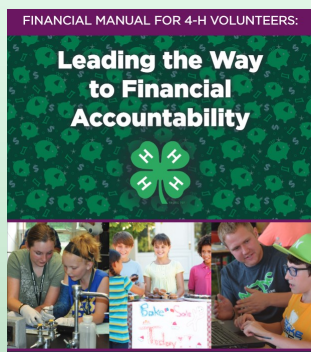


Club Leaders!!

Year-end Financial Reports and Annual Civil Rights Form is due to the 4-H Office by September 30th. If you need copies of the forms they are available at the 4-H office, on our website and in this newsletter. Along with the forms, we need a copy of the minutes from one meeting and the club's August 2020 bank statement (if you have an account). If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office. Here is the link to forms on our website: https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/osceola_county_4_h/general-info

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Important Changes to 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers & Treasurers



The 4-H Financial Manuals for Volunteers and Treasurers support 4-H volunteers and adult and youth treasurers in their roles managing 4-H funds.

Small revisions and updates to these books were made in 2020. The online PDF versions of the manuals contain the changes. However, if you have a printed or hard copy version that does not contain the 2020 changes, a one-page document is available online that notes all the important content adjustments. It is recommended that you print this resource and store it in your manual for quick reference.

Download the 2020 changes resource at www.canr.msu.edu/resources/4_h_financial_management_toolkit. For more information, please contact your local county staff member.

Update on Face-to-Face Michigan 4-H Programming

Earlier this year, MSU Extension pivoted all programming to online formats to comply with the original Stay Safe, Stay Home order ([EO2020-42](#)). Though this has been a difficult time for communities, families and our own faculty and staff members, we are proud of the work our team has done to ensure that the 4-H community continues to have access to high-quality educational opportunities throughout Michigan.

After much discussion and study, we have decided to continue to keep all 4-H programming, meetings and events virtual until further notice. This applies to all children and youth activities involving ages birth to 19. We recognize that this is a hardship on those who are eager to engage in in-person activities with their 4-H community. However, we must do everything we can to keep youth and adults safe and healthy. As such, please continue to hold 4-H club meetings and other local events virtually. MSU Extension staff members, including 4-H program coordinators, cannot support in-person activities. In addition, funds raised in the name of 4-H cannot be used to support in-person events until further notice.

Although our delivery modes have changed, we are still hard at work for you. Because of our statewide reach, you have access to a number of MSU Extension events. Visit our [MSU Extension Remote Learning and Resources](#) to learn more.

We assure you that this does not diminish our commitment to the 4-H community. We will continue to offer high-quality, virtual programming and experiences, and look forward to the day when we can resume in-person programming.

4-H Events and Workshops

September 2: 4-H in the Kitchen Live

Zoom Webinar

Explore the kitchen and learn how to bake old-fashioned cream cheese cookies. Topics covered include the proper ways to mix ingredients, safety in the kitchen, and cleanliness.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live>

September 10 & 14: Women's Leadership Institute

Zoom Webinar

On Day 1, listen and learn from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness.

On Day 2, discuss Day 1 speakers and explore your own challenges and successes as leaders.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020>

September 14: Upper Peninsula 4-H Babysitting SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This 8-session 4-H SPIN club will run through October 7. It is open to U.P. youth in grades 6-9 who want to learn about caring for children and how to be a great babysitter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/upper-peninsula-4-h-babysitting-spin-club>

September 19: Birds of Prey—LIVE!

Zoom Webinar

Join the Kellogg Biological Sanctuary (KBS) for a virtual presentation about the birds of prey that reside at the Sanctuary and meet two special guests. This workshop is offered for \$5 for KBS members and \$7 for non-members.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/birds-of-prey-live>

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



Explore your leadership skills with the 2020 Women's Leadership Institute

Youth ages 13-19 are invited to learn from strong women leaders while exploring their own leadership skills at the 2020 MSU Women's Leadership Institute. This two-day event will begin on September 10 when attendees (open to anyone of any age) join an interactive webinar to hear from women leaders working at the intersection of health and wellness—including on the front lines of health care during the novel coronavirus pandemic. Learn how the different leadership types responded during times of crisis, and how they're promoting health and wellness at this critical time.

On September 14, youth participants will take part in the second portion of this event, which is reserved just for teens. During this virtual session, youth will discuss the Day 1 speakers and their own leadership challenges and successes.

Each event will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. Although featuring women leaders, the Women's Leadership Institute is a great opportunity for youth of any gender to learn more about leadership. Register at www.canr.msu.edu/events/women-s-leadership-institute-2020 or contact Roxanne Turner (turnerr@msu.edu or 517-546-3950) or Darren Bagley (bagleyda@msu.edu or 810-244-8515) for more information.

Update on 2020-2021 4-H Participation Fees

MSU Extension recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic and other associated factors have put a financial strain on many families. Therefore, we have opted to waive the Michigan 4-H participation fee of \$20 per person or \$60 per family for the 2020-21 4-H program year which begins September 1, 2020. Some events may continue to have registration fees. You will continue to register through 4-H Online, but no participation fees will be collected or expected next year.

If you are interested in supporting 4-H in lieu of paying participation fees, please contact your 4-H program coordinator for opportunities.

Changes coming to 4-H Online this fall!

This fall, 4-H Online will be upgraded to version 2.0. This enhanced version of our current registration system will offer many improvements, including the ability to register for events, the ability to collect registration fees via credit card, and improved communication features, among others. Though the system will look a bit different, we anticipate this upgrade will also provide a better user experience for the 4-H community.

In preparation for this upgrade, 4-H Online will shut down on August 27 as our Michigan 4-H data are migrated to the 2.0 version. The system will reopen mid-September; during the transition time, you will not be able to access 4-H Online. Once the system is operational again, MSU Extension will email the 4-H community with instructions on how to enroll/re-enroll in the upgraded system. In that communication, we will also provide additional training resources for administrative leaders/volunteers, as well as 4-H families who would like to learn more about 4-H Online 2.0.

We appreciate your patience with this transition and look forward to starting the 2020-2021 program year with an even better 4-H Online experience.

Virtual Learning Resources for Parents, Teachers and Homeschool Families



Though the back-to-school season occurs each fall, this year is unlike anything that has been experienced before. The 2020-2021 school year will present new challenges for families and teachers alike, whether youth are returning to school in the classroom, online or at home.

To support teachers, parents and homeschool families in their educational efforts, MSU Extension is compiling a list of helpful resources that can be used by varying audiences to supplement school plans. Arranged by audience, grade level and topic, a variety of resources will be available in differing delivery methods. While not all tools utilize school standards, many do.

Look for additional information coming soon! In the meantime, please check out extension.msu.edu/online4MI.

Local News and Events

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Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibits offers a scholarship opportunity for youth. The criteria for youth eligibility are: 1. Each year six scholarships of \$1000 may be awarded, one being the Neil Kentner Memorial Scholarship. 2. Scholarship is open to applicants that are **high school seniors or currently enrolled** in an institution of advance learning such as a college, university or trade school. (If applicant is a high school senior they must have submitted an application to an advanced learning institution.) 3. Application must be RECEIVED by October 1st, 2020. 4. Scholarship winners will be announced at the Annual MAFE Convention. 5. Recipients may apply each year he or she is enrolled in the institution, but shall not be eligible to receive a scholarship more than 6 years. Preference for awarding of scholarship each year will be to first-time applicants. 6. The scholarship can be used for any and all expenses related to the applicants' continued education.

For more information contact the 4-H Office or their website <https://mifairs.com/mafe-scholarship-2/>

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4-H Enrollment: 4-H Online 2.0 is the 4-H enrollment data management system for MSU Extension. The online system allows families and youth to enroll themselves and keep their information up to date throughout the year by managing their enrollment profiles online. This system also allows 4-H Volunteers and Club Leaders to enroll online and manage their club members' information. In the event that a family can not enroll online at home; the 4-H office will have computers available and will assist families with enrollment. **Enrollment deadline is December 1, 2020!** Current 4-H Families already have an account set-up in 4-H Online. If you forgot your sign-in information, please call the 4-H Office for assistance...**PLEASE DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER ENROLLMENT.** New families will need to create an account. User guides will be sent later as we are wrapping up the launch of the program

4-H Participation Fee for the upcoming year there is no fee. For the 2020-2021 4-H year it was decided to waive the participation fee. This means the youth only have to enroll in 4-H Online 2.0 to become enrolled in the local 4-H program.

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HORSE

The **Osceola County 4-H Horse Developmental Committee** meets the third Thursday of each month, beginning September 17th via zoom meeting. All horse leaders, members and parents are invited and encouraged to attend. This group plans horse events and set guidelines for the horse program. We need you!!!



Many meeting changes, cancellations and other important information are posted on our Facebook page! Please like us on Facebook and keep up to date!

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LIVESTOCK

The **Osceola Livestock Committee (OLC)** meets on the second Monday of each month. 4-H members must attend 3 OLC meetings per year in order to show and sell a market beef, sheep, or swine at the Osceola County Fair. Until we can meet face to face again all OLC will be done via zoom. New this year we will be starting on September 14, 2020 and the meetings will be divided into two age groups and the lengths will be shorter due to being zoom. For those that can not use the zoom app, in every invite is a dial in my phone number. All meetings will use the same link and password to allow youth to attend. If your youth are split between the age groups, please pick on meeting time so both youth can attend together.

11 & under youth: Meetings will take place from 6:30pm to 6:50pm.

12 & Up youth: Meetings will take place from 7:30pm to 7:50pm

SMALL ANIMAL

The Osceola County **4-H Small Animal Association** second Monday of each month. 4-H members must attend 3 OLC meetings per year in order to show and sell a market beef, sheep, or swine at the Osceola County Fair. Until we can meet face to face again all OLC will be done via zoom. New this year we will be starting on September 14, 2020 and the meetings will be divided into two age groups and the lengths will be shorter due to being zoom. For those that can not use the zoom app, in every invite is a dial in my phone number. All meetings will use the same link and password to allow youth to attend. If your youth are split between the age groups, please pick on meeting time so both youth can attend together.

11 under youth: Meetings will take place from 6:00pm to 6:20pm.

12 & Up youth: Meetings will take place from 7:00pm to 7:20pm

Please note that this is the first meeting of the year and we will plan accordingly after the September meeting.

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DID YOU KNOW....

- Did you know that the monthly newsletters can also be found on MSU Extension Osceola County's website? <https://www.canr.msu.edu/osceola/> then under Osceola County 4-H, General Info. It can also be found on the main page of 4-H Online.
- Did you know that you can find all of the Records Books and forms including the Club Fund Raiser Forms, Club Financial Forms, Scholarship Forms and more...on our website?
- Did you know that Osceola 4-H has a Facebook page? "Osceola County Michigan 4-H"
- Did you know that we have a lending library that contains books about many topics and subjects? And we have learning lab kits that you can use at your 4-H Club Meetings?

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 4-H Office Closed— Labor Dat	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Small Ani- mal/OLC Virtual Meetings	15	16	17 Horse De- velopmental Committee 7:30pm	18	19
20	21 Marion Fair Board Mtg 7pm	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Club Financial Statements Due			