Calling More 4-H Families

We have a fully-functional 4-H Council that is working hard to bring you new and innovative 4-H activities. This is a wonderful core of adults and teens who are so dedicated to brining you more things than you could ever have even imagined just one year ago. We are also looking for new families who are interested in helping youth have full & fun 4-H experiences. You can engage as a family and get involved as little or as much as you decide. Some adults choose to volunteer as little as 6-10 hours per year or perhaps even dozens of hours—your choice. We are committed to working toward more 4-H growth. If you are an adult who cares about kids, we have a process to help you work through what we call the Volunteer Selection Process. This process is very streamlined and we are able to help you make a difference in the lives of our kids. Be assured that we won't be in the mode of virtual programs in a permanent way, so when we gradually open back up, we will then be in a position to offer many more local 4-H programs.

For now though, we have many virtually-based programs where you will be sure to find a little something for everyone. We are pleased that we are gaining more and more members during this year of FREE 4-H membership (a value of \$20 per youth.) Give us a try as a member, a family, or even as a 4-H volunteer. We will never pressure anyone into volunteering. If we are going to reach our full potential, we only want adults who are motivated to help make great things happen in the lives of our youth. Give us a call today and start that 4-H journey.

Sincerely, John Wurm, Roscommon County 4-H Program Coordinator

This 4-H Newsletter Is Packed With Great Topics

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- ♦ 4-H in the Kitchen—Fortune Cookies
- Hold the Date for 4-H Exploration
 Days—Expanded
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- Mindfulness for Youth Activities
- ♦ 4-H LEGO Masters Building Club
- ♦ 4-H Hiking Club
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Support 4-H at JOANNs



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 instore 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/.

4-H Events and Workshops

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

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

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.

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. 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.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, <u>age 9-13</u> 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.

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

Michigan youth <u>age 14-19</u> 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.

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.

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/ momogoose.

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Thur., April 8 – 7 pm EDT

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EXPLORATION DAYS: EXPANDED

June 22-24, 2021

Registration opens end of April.

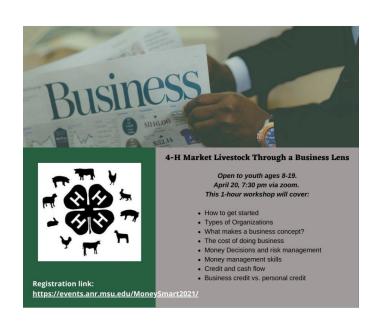


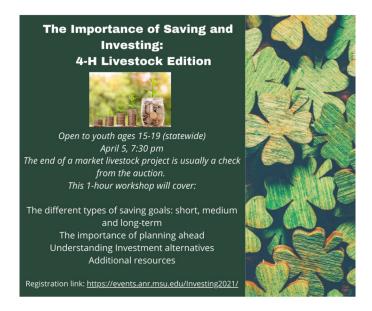














SEARCHING FOR VERNAL POOLS, NATURE'S DISAPPEARING ACT
WITH YU MAN LEE, CONSERVATION SCIENTIST,
MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY

SECOND TUESDAY @ 7:00 P.M.

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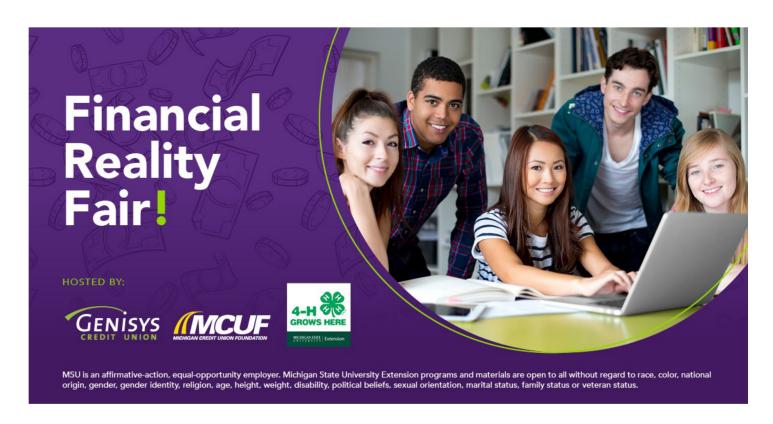


Show your Money Smarts Contest



April 2021 for 14-19 year olds







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Mindfulness AtoZ

An Alphabet of Fun & Calming Activities

The Mindfulness A to Z: An Alphabet of Fun and Calming Activities book and activity cards include 26 fun, delightfully illustrated mindfulness activities for children ages 3 to 12. From A (Alpaca Breathing) to Z (Zipper Stretches), children will learn to use meditations, stretches, and breathing exercises to slow down, calm down, and relax so they can focus and feel better.

Encourage your child to use a Mindfulness A to Z activity when they are:

- Transitioning from one activity to another.
- Trying to work through a strong emotion.
- · Feeling overwhelmed.
- · Having trouble focusing.
- Going through a daily routine like settling down for or waking up from a nap.



Mindfulness A to Z: An Alphabet of Fun and Calming Activities was developed by Kylie Rymanowicz, an educator in early childhood development and parenting with Michigan State University Extension. To find out more about the program contact Kylie Rymanowicz at rymanow1@msu.edu.

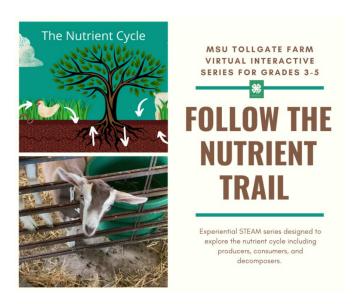
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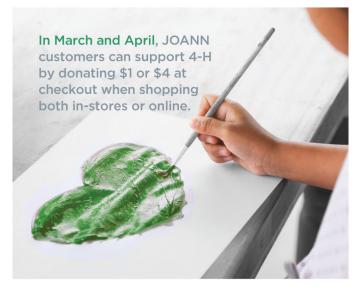
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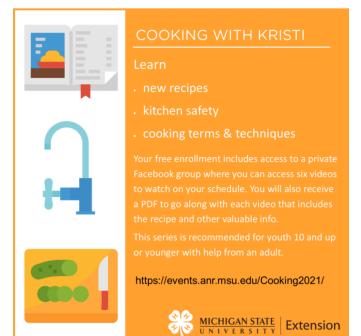














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CHOOSE HOW TO PARTICIPATE: WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, VIDEOS OR LIVE ZOOM MEETINGS



Register through 4-H Online https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in. Choose "Alcona" as your county of participation to find this club.