

ANNUAL REPORT

MSU Extension Schoolcraft County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1914, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Schoolcraft County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

34

555

103

682

Programs hosted in Schoolcraft County Participants attended programs hosted in Schoolcraft County MSU Extension Programs
(in county, online or
statewide) were
attended by
Schoolcraft County
residents

Schoolcraft
County Residents
attended MSU
Extension
Programs (in
county, on-line or
statewide)

8,289

306

2

42

Facebook reach

Individual class sessions attended Submissions to Ask Extension Programs delivered by Schoolcraft County staff

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY STAFF

.5

Community Nutrition Instructor .5

4-H Program
Coordinator

11

Partnerships and coalitions

SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy.

- Pesticide Applicator Desire to Learn course
- Heroes to Hives
- Potato field day
- Residential and Commercial Soil Testing
- Consumer Horticulture/Ask Extension
- Farmers' Day Field Crops education
- Smart Gardening outreach
- U.P. Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations.

- Introduction to Lakes series
- Not MI Species webinar
- Growing UP Ag Association
- Michigan Birding 101
- Facilitative Leadership Workshop
- Lake Huron Regional Fisheries workshop

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan.

- UP Food Hub Feasibility Study
- Wealth Building series
- Zoning Administrator Certificate Program
- Product Center client consultations
- Value-added Producer Grant seminar
- U.P. Extension Master Gardener Recognition
- Michigan Citizen Planner Legislative Update

Health &Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce food borne diseases and become leaders in the food industry.

- Emerald Elementary School SNAP-Ed nutrition education/physical activity series
- St. Francis de Sales School SNAP-Ed nutrition education/physical activity series
- Cooking For One SNAP-Ed series at Manistique High School
- Michigan Cottage Food Law webinars
- Stress Less with Mindfulness series for adults
- 4-H Adulting 101 workshop on food safety
- Manistique School and Public Library story time sessions on fruits and vegetables

4-H Programs and Youth

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention.

- 4-H bio-diversity lessons with LEGO bricks at Emerald Elementary School
- Mini-4-H camp at Indian Lake State Park
- Emerald Clover Buddies 4-H Club
- Apple iPad grant participant
- 4-H Everyone Can Code SPIN Club
- 4-H Pro-Social games during 8th grade seminar at Manistique Middle School
- 4-H Exploration Days delegation
- 4-H Mindful Me series in several classrooms at Emerald Elementary and St. Francis de Sales schools.
- Tip of the Lake 4-H Shooting Sports Club
- U.P. State Fair livestock market book judging
- Full scholarships to 4-H Exploration Days and Schoolcraft County 4-H Mini Camp
- Local youth member in the Michigan 4-H Money Smart Youth Ambassador program

Schoolcraft County 4-H

According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H'ers are 4X more likely to make contributions to their communities, 2X more likely to be civically active, and 2X more likely to make healthier choices.