



St. Joseph County

4-H Family News

February 2020

4-H Members and Families...

As the 2019-2020 4-H Program year is underway, there are a lot of opportunities and activities for you to check out and participate in. The best way for YOU to stay in the know is to attend your 4-H club meetings, keep in contact with your club leaders, read the county newsletter, and go to the county website at www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph.

Exploration Days enrollment is quickly coming up. Are you making plans to attend? We are making plans for 4-H camp...do you want to be a camp counselor? The St. Joseph County 4-H Youth Council is offering college scholarships...have you applied? Information about these and other opportunities are in this newsletter....read on to find out more!

Stay warm!

Eva Beeker

4-H Program Coordinator

Position openings...

Due to the passing of Connie Pagels, 4-H Dog Superintendent, the position is now vacant. If you are interested in filling the Dog Superintendent position please contact the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5511 or email Eva at beekere@msu.edu by Monday, March 9, 2020.

Summer 4-H Camp is fast approaching and we are in need of a Camp Director this year. If you are interested in filling that position please contact the MSU Extension office at 269-467-5511 or email Eva at beekere@msu.edu by Monday, March 9, 2020.

Required Livestock Meeting Dates @ Fairgrounds:

- Horses - June 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Beef - June 16, 6:30 p.m.
- Poultry - July 11, 6:30 p.m.
- Sheep - July 12, 5:00 p.m.
- Dairy - July 21, 6:30 p.m.
- Goats (all) - July 30, 6:30 p.m.
- Swine - August 5, 6:00 p.m.
- Rabbits - August 12, 6:30 p.m.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Money Smart Kid 2020

In support of Michigan's Money Smart Week®, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Detroit Branch, Michigan State University Extension and 4-H are sponsoring the Money Smart Kid Essay Contest. Students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to answer this year's Money Smart Question (see below) with an essay of 300 words or less. Four finalists will be selected to go on to an interview round and be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Youth Ambassadors. In this role, they will have opportunities to share their financial knowledge with others across the state and gain leadership skills.

Prizes include: \$1,000 (1st Place), \$500 (2nd place), \$250 (3rd Place), \$100 (4th place).

Prizes provided thanks to a generous gift from Chemical Bank to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

More information can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/uploads/files/MS-KidEssayContestApplication-Michigan2020.pdf?language_id=1



2020 National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition

Submission Deadline: March 15, 2020

Michigan 4-H youth can improve their writing and research skills and have the opportunity to win a cash prize by entering the 2020 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. Please see the call for entries for complete competition details available at https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/.

2020 Essay Topic: Overwintering: Bee Survival through the Cold Season

Honey bees have developed special skills to overwinter in the United States. Please discuss one of these skills and then include a discussion about what you do to prepare your hives for winter. Include a photo of one of your hives, either using infrared technology or showing winter wrap, hay bales, special feeders, etc. to demonstrate how you prepare your hives for winter.

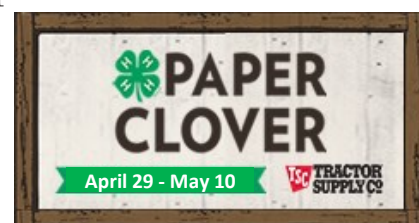
One winner will be selected from all Michigan 4-H entries and forwarded to the National 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. Cash prizes are awarded; 1st place is \$750. The three prize-winning essays will be published in ABF Quarterly, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. All authors of essays submitted to the national competition will receive a relevant book on honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

TSC Paper Clover Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that help make the 2019 Fall Paper Clover sale a success!

The 2020 dates have been set and are as follows:

- Spring - April 29 - May 10, 2020
- Fall - October 7 - 18, 2020



Keep a look out for more information as the spring date nears.



STATE LINE TACK®

State Line Tack

From September 2019 to July 31, 2020, State Line Tack customers can add a donation to 4-H in their online shopping cart. State Line Tack is also offering customers to roundup on orders, buy a Heart to Horse box to treat yourself and add a \$1 donation to 4-H or stop by one of their events to add a donation to your purchase. Learn more: <https://www.statelinetack.com/content/partnerships/4-h/>

Genealogy Project

If you are interested in working on a genealogy tree, beginner to advanced and who would like to meet with the Tri-State Genealogy Society for additional tips and help, call the MSU Extension office at (269) 467-5511.



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Summer 4-H Camp

We are starting to look for camp counselors for this years camp scheduled for July 7 - 9 at Camp Fort Hill in Sturgis. Applications will soon be available for download at https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/general-info and are due to the MSU Extension office by Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Youth Council Scholarships

The 2020 scholarship applications will soon be available. Watch your mailboxes and https://www.canr.msu.edu/st_joseph/4-h/general-info for more information.

Exploration Days

This year Exploration Days will be June 24 - 26, 2020 on the MSU campus. Registration books are being finalized and will soon be available both here in the MSU Extension office and online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days. Stay tuned for more information and registration paperwork.

JOANN Partnership

- March 1 – April 30, 2020 will be the Clovers for Kids campaign in JOANN stores. During this period, customers can purchase a clover to support 4-H at checkout.
- 4-H Fabric is not selling as well as they'd hoped. As you may have noticed they have the current fabric on clearance in stores. They understand that the fabric designs may not have been as appealing as hoped and are looking to a different direction for the future. Unfortunately, they can't redesign and relaunch new fabrics until they've sold through what's in place. But the good news is that if you have been in the market for 4-H fabric at a great price this is your lucky day!



If you have made things with their 4-H fabric please send me photos (beekere@msu.edu). National 4-H Council would love to share them on social!

- JOANN 4-H Reward Card: 4-H families, volunteers and staff can sign-up for this reward card to get 15% off total JOANN purchases every day. JOANN will also donate a minimum of 2.5% of purchases from the rewards card and 4.5% of sales from custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Sign-up online or download the JOANN app to your mobile device (iOS) (ANDROID).

BOGS Boots

BOGS is creating a line of 4-H boots to be released summer/early fall of 2020.

- Currently, retail stores are placing sales orders with BOGS. This goes until mid-spring.
- Following that, in late spring/early summer the boots will be created and shipped to the retailers. We anticipate the boots will hit the shelves in August. They will also become available on bogsfootwear.com at the same time.
- The cost per pair will most likely be in line with their normal pricing. Normal BOGS boots pricing, \$85-135 depending on size and style (kids, women's, men's).
- We won't know who will carry them until retailers finish putting in their orders (mid-Spring). When we do have that information we will provide a list of retailers to you.



**Keeping Kids Safe:
Resources for
caregivers of youth
ages 0-17**



This resource series introduces key concepts and age-appropriate activities for youth ages 0-17 that can be used by parents and caregivers to help protect children and teens from child sexual abuse. In addition, these factsheets share ways to help youth build skills and knowledge that will reduce their risk of being victimized.

Four factsheets exist in this series: Ages 0-5, 6-11, 12-17 and "the Downside to Sharenting." To access or learn more about these resources, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/creating-safe-environments/for-parents-caregivers>.

Email your name and phone number to Eva at beekere@msu.edu by Monday, March 9, 2020 to be entered in a drawing for 1 of 2 prizes!

4-H Events and Workshops

February 15: 4-H Tubing Party

Snow Snake Mountain, Harrison

4-H families and their friends can enjoy tubing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$11 per person. Participants must be 36" tall to ride the tubes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-tubing-party-2>

February 19: Resume and Cover Letters Made Easy

Webinar

Learn how to create a cover letter and resume that stands out. Sharpen your writing skills so you can secure a job, an award, or a promotion. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/resume-and-cover-letters-made-easy>.

February 22: Youth Officer Training

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds, Corunna

This event is for all 4-H and non 4-H members who are an officer or wish to become one. Learn about officer roles and parli-pro; includes snacks and door prizes.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-officer-training>

March 3-4: Project FISH Workshop

MSU Natural Resources Building, East Lansing

Teachers, educators and volunteers are invited to two days of "Place-Based Learning through Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education." Participants will leave with curriculum activities, equipment, a fishing rod and reel and access to supplies and resources to begin a successful fishing program with children in the classroom or in an after-school setting. Registration deadline: February 21; cost is \$75 per person.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/project-fish-workshop>

March 6: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher & Volunteer Training

Kent County MSU Extension Office, Grand Rapids

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-embryology-staff-teacher-and-volunteer-training-kent-county>

March 7: 4-H Dog Youth & Adult Workshop

MSU Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Youth ages 8-19 and adult volunteers who help in the dog project area are invited to learn more from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dog-youth-adult-workshop>

View more 4-H events at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>.

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 7 in East Lansing, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of 20 grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmyiy/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 15-18, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The four-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan State Capitol, meetings with state legislators, and time to find and strengthen one's voice in the legislative process. During the program, youth are supported by highly qualified peer leaders and MSU Extension staff as they work in small teams to develop real world solutions to challenges in agriculture, civil rights, education, environmental quality, human health, technology and other public policy issue topics.

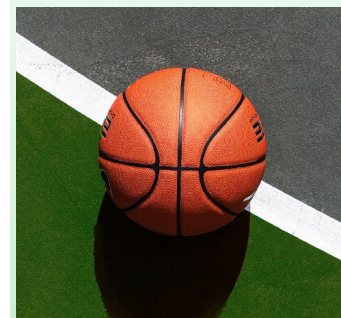
While directly observing Michigan's state government in action, and through participation an immersive legislative simulation, 4-H Capitol Experience participants develop a valuable and solid understanding of the state's legislative process. Attending the program strengthens participants ability to speak up on issues that matter, and to make a positive difference as active and engaged citizens in Michigan.

Hotel lodging, local transportation, materials, chaperone supervision, and most meals are included in the registration fee, which is \$360 for currently registered Michigan 4-H members (\$380 for non 4-H members). Contact your [local 4-H Program Coordinator](#) to learn about scholarships that may be available in your county to cover some, or all, of the 4-H Capitol Experience registration fee.

Registrations must be completed online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/capitolexperience2020/> by February 16 in order to participate. To find out more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



4-H Day at the Breslin & 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception



Make plans for a fun day in East Lansing on March 1! Join with other members of the 4-H community for 4-H Day at the Breslin and cheer on the MSU Women's Basketball game as they take on Penn State. Attendees will also enjoy 4-H games and activities around the concourse. Tickets are free to 4-H youth and their families as well as 4-H volunteers and their families. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin.

4-H alumni can also take part in a special pre-game event: the 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception. Enjoy networking, fun and food with other 4-H alumni before the game. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: FEBRUARY - MAY

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February	16	17 OFFICE CLOSED 	18 Fair Assoc. Mtg @ Fairgrounds 6:30 p.m.	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25 	26	27	28	29
March	1 <u>Alumni TipOff Reception / 4-H Day at the Breslin</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8 	9 Trophy Presentation/ Youth Council 6:30 p.m.	10 <u>Exploration Days Reg Begins</u> Horse Council 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Spring	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26 Camp Counselor Apps Due	27	28 Mkt Beef/D Beef Tagging Fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.
	29	30 Youth Council 6:30 p.m.	31 Horse Council 6:30 p.m.	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY 	2	3	4
April	5	6	7	8	9	10 OFFICE CLOSED Good Friday	11
	12 Easter 	13	14	15 TAX DAY 	16	17	18
	19	20	21	22 Earth Day 	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29 TSC Paper Clover Sale Begins	30	1 May Day 	2
May	3	4 Youth Council 6:30 p.m.	5 Horse Council 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9