



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

July/ August 2020

Dear 4-H families,

Thank you for being a part of 4-H and we hope you are enjoying the wide array of online programming offered free to youth! You can find a comprehensive list on the Lapeer County 4-H Facebook page, which will be updated often as new programming becomes available. As always, if you have any ideas or educational needs for your clubs, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Lapeer MSU Extension Office.

NEW Open Office Hours

Lapeer County 4-H will be offering open office hours for members, leaders and families to get updates from 4-H staff, get questions answered and have time to connect with each other. The office hours will begin June 17 at 2pm and will be held weekly throughout the summer. Please email george92@msu.edu or text Kathy George at 586-464-7007 for the password. This way, nobody will have to pre-register and the zoom meeting is secure. It will be the same password throughout the summer. <https://msu.zoom.us/j/96023843542>

Fall Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Campaign

TSC Fall Paper Clover Campaign is planned for October 7-18, 2020 in person. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks about details. If your club would like to help with the campaign, hold a bake sale, bring your animals to show the customers, please contact Kathy George to arrange a time with TSC.

*With Appreciation,
Kathy George*

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Lapeer County 4-H Facebook Photo Contest!

Thank you to all of the members, who have submitted pictures so far! You are entered into a drawing for a 2020-21 participation fee scholarship! Take a picture or video recording on the Lapeer County 4-H Facebook of you participating in some of the following activities through August 31 and Lapeer County 4-H will be providing 20 Lapeer County 4-H scholarships for 2020-21 4-H participation fees through a random drawing!

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- ⇒ Video or take a series of pictures of yourself preparing a healthy meal or snack to share with family
- ⇒ Have someone take your picture reciting the 4-H Pledge or explaining the Life Skills wheel
- ⇒ Pick an animal or another project area to research, and post some interesting facts learned
- ⇒ Make a homemade facemask and share the pattern
- ⇒ Paint a rock with a positive message
- ⇒ Make a craft and share how you made it or the site
- ⇒ Learn with your parents how to build a campfire and make a foil packet dinner
- ⇒ Make a video of singing a campfire song or another song with your family
- ⇒ Choreograph a dance with family members and record it
- ⇒ Take a video of you reading a children's book out loud
- ⇒ Color or draw a picture
- ⇒ Do a science experiment of your own and show your results
- ⇒ Do the tin foil boat challenge <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7R7JYAdYIY>
- ⇒ Take an egg carton nature hike! Label one side of the carton rough the other side smooth. Take a family hike and find objects with rough and smooth textures and place in the appropriate pockets. See what you can come up with!
- ⇒ Have a picture taken of you helping with some household or barnyard job; examples- setting table, vacuuming, making your bed, dusting, cleaning pens, feeding animal, exercising animal, etc.
- ⇒ Plant seeds in a seed starter or egg carton and take a picture of the sprouts or another gardening project
- ⇒ Polymer clay craft

Online programming ideas!

What kind of online programming would you like to see this summer and September? Go to our [Facebook page](#) and comment on the post regarding programming ideas!

Project Kits Coming Soon!

We are working on creating project kits to be picked up at the MSUE Office in Lapeer! Free and you just need to call the office and one will be brought out to you! They will either contain either instructions and/or have a zoom meeting at a set time to work on the project together. Please watch for our first kit to come out that will be herb gardening! You don't need a lot of space, encourages healthy and tasty meals and can be brought inside during the colder months to continue to provide your family with fresh herbs.

Michigan Paddle Stewards Online Program

Despite these extraordinary times, it is still possible to safely – with social distancing – enjoy paddle sports on Michigan's many wonderful water trails and lakes. Kayakers, paddleboarders and canoeists can also be key in the fight to protect the waters they love by identifying and reporting aquatic invasive species they encounter.

The MI Paddle Stewards new self-paced, online program from [Michigan Sea Grant](#) and [Michigan State University Extension](#) will help paddlers learn about important invasive species, how to properly clean a watercraft, and how to report invasive species. Paddlers will learn to use the MISIN (Midwest Invasive Species Information Network) app, a reporting tool used by Michigan's Department of Natural Resources and others to locate invasive species of concern. The MI Paddle Stewards program is funded by the Michigan Invasive Species Grant program (www.michigan.gov/invasives).

Registration is open for the online course, which features six short sessions and costs \$20. Participants who complete the class will receive a certificate, bucket hat, towel, waterproof phone case, dry bag and more. (The class is free if participants choose not to receive the items.) Participants must complete the six sessions of the course by Dec. 31, 2020. Registration Info: <https://bit.ly/paddlestewards>.

For questions and more information about the MI Paddle Stewards online course, contact MSU Extension educator Mary Bohling (bohling@msu.edu).

[Michigan Sea Grant](#) helps to foster economic growth and protect Michigan's coastal, Great Lakes resources through education, research and outreach. A collaborative effort of the [University of Michigan](#) and [Michigan State University](#) and its [MSU Extension](#), Michigan Sea Grant is part of the [NOAA-National Sea Grant](#) network of 34 university-based programs.

The 4-H Summer Movie Series is a virtual SPIN Club where youth ages 13-19 will watch the scheduled movie and then participate in a weekly discussion of the films curated from NETFLIX.

Running from July 15 – August 19, the Summer Movie Series films present coming of age stories through a diverse range of topics and genres. While these films share the universal themes of growth and self-discovery, they were selected to present the differences and experiences that are faced by teens who live in dissimilar settings with diverse challenges.

To join for free: [https://
events.anr.msu.edu/4hsummermovieseries](https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hsummermovieseries)



4-H Lego Master Builder SPIN Club, will begin on Monday, August 17th and end Friday, August 21st. This club will meet virtually every day from 2 – 3:15 PM EST. Over the course of the week, youth will get a chance to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 5 to 19. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3gKYbD1>.

4-H Minecraft SPIN Club, this club will start on Monday, August 17th and end Friday, August 21st. This club will meet virtually every day from 10am – 11:15 AM EST. During this week, youth will explore computer coding through the world of Minecraft! This 4-H SPIN Club is FREE and OPEN to 4-H and non-4-H members ages 8 to 12. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/32qDd8D>.



Rabbit Skillathon!

Below is the link and password. Have fun and thank you for being a part of Lapeer 4-H!

<https://lapeercountryrabbit.weebly.com/educational-games.html>

Password: LapeerRabbit



CYI Weekly Activities

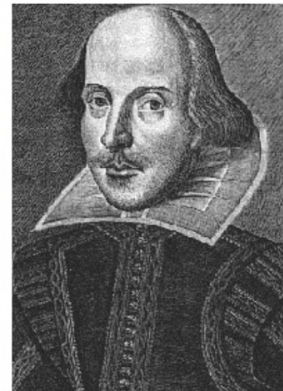
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/.../Weekly-Activities-for-Youth/index>

To support families and caregivers with youth at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU Extension has put together a weekly list of DIY activities and online events. Choose from daily childhood development, career exploration, STEM, healthy living and leadership activities - or choose them all! There's even two quick resources to support parents and caregivers during these unprecedented times. We hope this helpful resource will provide a weekly dose of fun and learning while staying safe at home.

The workshop is set to take place at 4:00 pm, August 19, 2020 on Zoom. You can register at the following link:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/InsultThee/>

The zoom invite will be emailed to participants two days prior to the event.



JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME OF THEATER AND TRASH TALK. "I INSULT THEE" EXPLORES THE 1700+ WORDS SHAKESPEARE INVENTED THROUGH HIS USE OF INSULTS!

August 19, 2020, 4:00 pm
For ages 11 and Up

4-H Bog Boots Now Available!



Love Bogs boots? You can now wear them and support 4-H! Not only do the boots have fun 4-H clover designs, but Bogs will donate \$5 for each pair sold to National 4-H Council to support 4-H outdoor education programs.

Women and children boots are currently available for purchase in stores and online at BOGSfootwear.com. Men's boots will be available in early August.

STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Events and Workshops

August 5: 4-H Cow Time Learning Seminars

Zoom Webinar

MSU Extension staff, volunteers, and university faculty will be leading educational seminars each Wednesday to help youth refine dairy management and life skills learned through 4-H.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cow-time-learning-seminars-august-5th>

August 6: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays—Setting Up a Mini Golf Course for Fun and the Future

Zoom Webinar

An indoor mini golf course can be a lot of fun and it can also assist you in your future career.

Youth are encouraged to join this session to learn more! Exploratory sessions for youth ages 8-12 are offered each Thursday at 4 p.m.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-6-setting-up-a-mini-golf-course-for-fun-and-for-the-future>

August 6: Life of the Straits 2020

Zoom Webinar

This program will take place each Thursday. Each session will be a fun-filled look at features of the Straits of Mackinac, including the Mackinac Bridge, local nature preserves and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/life-of-the-straits-2020-a-virtual-program-aug6>

August 7: International Conversations—Brazil

Zoom Webinar

Join this webinar to learn more about Brazilian culture from a native! Come with any questions you may have about Brazil and daily life.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/international-conversation-august-7-brazil>

August 25: 4-H Teen Tuesday - All About Chocolate

Zoom Webinar

Current 4-H members ages 13-19 can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-25-4-h-teen-tuesday-100-cocoa-all-about-chocolate>

August 25-27: Turn Your Passions Into Profits Entrepreneurship Camp

Zoom Webinar

Find the entrepreneur in you with this free virtual camp. Interactive activities introduce the 4-H entrepreneurship project while you develop your business ideas and learn how to market.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/turn-your-passions-into-profits-entrepreneurship-camp>

August 27: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays - Crafts Around the World

Zoom Webinar

Youth will explore simple cultural traditional crafts from around the world. This session will feature yarn art from North America.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/august-27-crafts-around-the-world-north-america-yarn-art>

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



Join the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

MSU Extension is excited to partner with the [Michigan State Fair](#) to launch an exciting new program for Michigan youth: the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. This statewide showcase will provide a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to participate.

Registration will be opening soon! While classes are still being finalized, MSU Extension and the Michigan State Fair hope to celebrate all the projects and programs in which youth have developed skill and mastery. This includes livestock and companion animal classes such as showmanship, breeding and market classes, as well as still exhibits, educational projects and more.

Once open, registration will be available until August 23. There is no cost to participate and youth may engage in as many classes as they wish. Project evaluation will begin on August 24 with winners announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3-7. Begin working on your [project photos and videos](#) now to ensure you're ready to submit when registration opens!

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills, recognize their accomplishments and receive constructive feedback for growth and development, participants in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will also have the opportunity to apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Applications and criteria are still being developed - more details about the scholarships and Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase will be shared online at extension.msu.edu/MSF4HShowcase as details become available. We hope you will consider participating in this exciting new opportunity!

Free Summer Horse Care Online Course

Horse owners around the country look forward to summer-time equestrian activities to get them through the winter months. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, trail rides and clubs have cancelled their live events. In a heartfelt effort to support horse enthusiasts, the MSU Extension Equine Team has put together a Summer Horse Care online course series and is offering it free of charge during 2020. Participants can earn a certificate for each of the following units:



- Unit 1: Routine Health Care – covers vaccinations, deworming, and dental care.
- Unit 2: Pasture Management – covers pasture planning, renovation, forage species, grazing management, and toxic plants.
- Unit 3: Manure Management – covers water quality, manure management options, and composting.
- Unit 4: Biosecurity – biosecurity protocol for equine and people, wildlife and insect control, and COVID-19 resources.

To learn more, go to www.myhorseuniversity.com/summer-horse-care-101.

Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt

From August 7-12, families with youth ages 5-19 are welcome to join in the Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt! This self-paced experience will have families taking part in forestry-themed missions and sharing their progress with other teams in this online GooseChase scavenger hunt.



Participate from your backyard, campground, or wherever your family will be during this time! All you need is a smart phone or tablet with a camera.

The top placing U.P. and Lower Peninsula teams will be awarded a prize package that includes a camp hammock. In addition, other prize packages will also be awarded to teams throughout the scavenger hunt.

For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-forestry-savenger-hunt.