

Hi **4-H** Family,

Although 4-H programs are different this summer, I encourage you to consider and take part in the programs that are offered either at a county level or state level listed in these newsletters! Many are free (and those with a charge often means supplies shipped to you), and invite a friend (many are open to 4-Hers and non-4-Hers, each event will share specifics in registration). If you have a virtual program you'd like to see, please let me know!

### **Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:**

\*\*Please note: We are attempting to keep the Events Calendar as up to date as possible at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar).

- Virtual Fireside Chat for Volunteers. Due to a decline in interest, the 6/29 meeting has been canceled. If the need arises again, additional opportunities will be made available in the future.
- **NEW** 4-H Exploration Days Eaton County CCAs Betsy and Trent Mauk invite you to participate in the Eaton County 4-H Remote Exploration Days Goosechase Scavenger Hunt! This will run June 24 - 26 (when Exploration Days would have occurred this year). Missions are geared toward the 4-H Exploration Days experience and any current 4-Her who has attended in the past is encouraged to participate (missions are geared toward this event, but anyone is welcome to participate (youth younger than 13 need parental permission)! Download <https://www.goosechase.com/> to get the app and join the game using game code X3Z31Q.
- **Registration is now open**, early for Eaton, Hillsdale, Kalkaska, and Wexford Counties! Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics series, July 20-23 from 3pm - 4pm! Learn engineering skills by using everyday, household items (cost includes a supply kit). This series has extremely limited registration - if you are interested, please register prior to 6/18 (registration goes out statewide on that date)! Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-junk-drawer-robotics> to register.
- **NEW** Save the date! Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project, Mondays and Thursdays July 27-August 13, from 1pm - 2pm. The 2020 year has brought awareness, changes, challenges, and different experiences into our lives, including the impacts of novel coronavirus and protests surrounding systemic racism. The Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project creates space for youth ages 13-19 to share their stories of their experiences during this year so far through the lens of their photography. Teens will have the opportunity for self-expression through a series of photography prompts, discussion with other Eaton County youth on the photos and issues, and bring awareness to their

community about the issues that are affecting them during this time.  
Registration will be available soon!

### **Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:**

- Teen Tuesdays - Touch base with 4-H teens from across the state! Teen Tuesdays are at 4 p.m. and begin on June 2 and are geared for 4-H members ages 13 - 19. Each week is a different theme and provide opportunity for interaction and discussion with other 4-H teens across Michigan. You can view topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/teentuesdays/>
- 4-H at 4 on Thursdays - Sessions begin on June 4 and are designed for 4-H members ages 8 - 12. These sessions will demonstrate a different hands-on project/experiment/craft each week that can be completed at home. View activity topics and register online at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hthursdays/>
- Virtual Public Speaking Contest - Open to ALL ages, including Cloverbuds! Practice your speaking skills in impromptu public speaking (June 29 - July 3), demonstrations (July 6 - 10), or clowning/acting (July 13 - 24). For more information and to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MI4HVirCommContest/>
- **NEW** An important part of raising livestock as a 4-H project is knowing how to market your project animal. Through market animal projects, youth learn valuable life skills in addition to basic animal science care and management. Check out the new resources that are available which includes short information videos. <https://bit.ly/MI4Hmarketinglivestock> Thank you to Haley from Gresham Grain Grinders and Jael from Barn Busters for helping out with this project (make sure to find their videos, they did a great job!).
- Zipping Around the Zoos Part 2 - Explore different animals across the world! Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 - 4:30pm, July 6 - July 22. Register at <https://bit.ly/4-HZOOS2>
- USA Road Trip - Explore different, unique, and interesting landmarks this country has to offer! Each day from 1 - 2pm from July 8 - July 15. Register at <https://bit.ly/4-HUSA>
- Youth - share your story! We are looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development. Submissions are posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the state website at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/meet-michigan-4-h> and promoted in newsletters and social media. To learn more and download guidelines, visit that website and click on the guidelines.

### **Reminders from previous email digests:**

- With the recent easing of restrictions regarding public gatherings from the State of Michigan, it is an important time to remind the 4-H community that MSU Extension's guidance regarding face-to-face programming has not changed. No face-to-face MSU Extension youth events or programs may take place anywhere in the state until September 1, 2020. This applies to events and activities led by Michigan 4-H volunteers, including 4-H club meetings or in-person gatherings of any size. We welcome and encourage 4-H clubs and groups to continue meeting virtually at this time; please let us know if we can assist you in identifying options for your virtual meeting spaces.
  - A reminder of the guidance on how to operate during this time, provided in the MSU Extension FAQ and Eaton County FAQ. If you have specific questions, please let me know.
    - {-Newsletter: MSU Extension and Fair FAQs 5-11-2020: 3309-}
    - {-Newsletter: Eaton County 4-H and Fair FAQ 5-22-2020: 3310-}
- If you have any questions, feedback, or assistance needed in the county 4-H program, you can fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/vYdEAoQzbhCLAAjr5>. As always, you are also welcome to reach out to me via email or the county Facebook page. If you have questions that are related to the Eaton County Fair, please contact fair board or the fair office. Information can be found on their website at <https://eatoncountyfair.com/>.
- Volunteers, are you planning virtual experiences for your 4-H members but would like a way to get them supplies? 4-H Council voted to use funds from the Eaton County 4-H Endowment to purchase prepaid small flat rate postage boxes so you can have supplies delivered to your 4-Hers and postage is free for you! Free postage for you to ship supplies for making slime, quilling paper, ingredients to learn cake decorating, or more to your 4-Hers to help deliver the virtual session (\$8.30 per box savings for you!). All you have to do is fill out this form <https://forms.gle/gGvrTzqCTrzejosD8> and boxes will be shipped to your house, postage paid and ready for filling with supplies! First come first serve until the allocated funds are spent.
- Reminder to volunteers: Your profiles have now been added to our new volunteer management database, Volunteer Central! You will be receiving an email from the system over the next few weeks with instructions on how to access your profile and update information. **It will be required that you complete the steps in that email prior to August 31, 2020 to remain a volunteer** so please watch for that email! Volunteers who applied in Volunteer Central (since 1/1/2020) do not need to complete anything.

Email and our county Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/>) will continue to be the main sources of information sent out from our county office. I highly recommend making sure you have liked the Facebook page and marked "See

First" and "Notifications On" under the follow settings so that you see our posts (Facebook's algorithm sometimes does not show page posts in newsfeeds, so this is the best way to ensure you will see all posts)! You can also find these update emails on our newsletter website for reference. Please follow the most recent letter posted for guidance on changes from the state and from our organization. You can find them at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_newsletter](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter).

You may see many meetings or educational opportunities moved to video conference. The platform that MSU Extension uses is Zoom. You can join Zoom meetings from your computer or phone (via the app) using the specific links provided for the different opportunities. To download Zoom, visit <https://zoom.us/download>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact me.

Thanks,

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