

Hi 4-H Family,

Thank you for your continued flexibility and patience in working through changes in our 4-H program during these challenging times. Below you will find information on the county 4-H program, upcoming meetings, and additional upcoming educational opportunities.

As a reminder, all in-person 4-H meetings, programs, and events through September 1 are to be postponed, rescheduled, moved to video conference, or canceled. 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/>.

NEW 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.

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.

- Virtual Fireside Chat for Volunteers. This chance for volunteers to touch base, ask questions, share ideas, and connect will now occur on Tuesdays at 6pm every 2 weeks on the following dates: 5/26, 6/9, and 6/23! The 5/26 date will also feature a short presentation about facilitating virtual icebreakers - learn virtual twists on some favorites or new ideas! To connect via Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97921492415> Password: fireside
- DIY Spa Products SPIN Club: Students 9-13 are invited to join us as we learn how to use botanicals to make all-natural skin care products. We will introduce the basics of plant science, stress management and entrepreneurship through interactive activities. Students will learn how to use the power of plants to make their own bath bombs, sugar scrubs, lip balms and more! This club is

being moved to occur virtually. Reserve your spot by contacting Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu. View more information at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-diy-spa-products-spin-club>.

- Virtual Gardening SPIN Club May 20 & 27, June 3, 10, 17, and 24 from 4pm - 5pm. Do you love to garden? Are you interested in understanding what plants need to grow, and why? Join the 4-H Gardening SPIN club! We'll cover plant science, nutrition, fresh food preparation, and more! We are planning that Eaton County youth will be able to pick up supply kits from the nearest approved pick up location before the club starts, all state guidelines at the time will be followed. If the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Order is extended past the start date, the club will be rescheduled for a later date. There are a limited number of seeds available for registered participants. Reserve your spot by contacting Rachel at ochylski@msu.edu or visiting <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/virtual-gardening-spin-club>.
- **NEW** Save the date! Virtual Junk Drawer Robotics series, July 20-23 from 3pm - 4pm! Learn engineering skills by using everyday, household items. Watch for registration information available in June.

Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:

- From Egg to Coop: A backyard chickens course - Learn about embryology, considerations before you get started with raising backyard chickens, adult chickens vs raising from chicks, breeds, daily care, and housing. Taught by Leelanau County 4-H volunteer Leslie Suitor. Starts Saturday, May 16; to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/EggToCoop>
- Michigan 4-H Virtual Horse Judging & Hippology Contests - Practice contests begin May 18, actual contests begin June 9. Contestants will receive a Certificate of Completion for each contest they complete and you may have the opportunity to represent Michigan 4-H at national contests! Email Taylor Fabus at tenlenta@msu.edu for registration details.
- Surviving a Zombie Apocalypse - Learn different survival tips to prepare for an emergency! Club begins on Monday, May 18. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4-HZombies>
- Jedi Training Club - Do you have what it takes to harness the force and become a guardian of peace and justice? Find your inner harmony young padawan. Each session explores a new skill of the Jedi through mindfulness. Starts May 21; to register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/jeditraining>
- Themed Trivia Part 2 - Test your knowledge on various trivia like animals, countries, music, TV shows and movies, toys and games, and more! This club starts on May 25. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4-HTrivia2>

- Games Over Zoom - Youth can participate in a variety of virtual games such as Heads Up, Price is Right, Liars Dice, Scattegories, and more! Club starts on May 26. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4-HGames>
- 4-H Spartan Coding Camp save the date- Spend a week learning how to code and develop an app! This is a four-day virtual bootcamp followed by 60 hours of self-paced online work to hone your coding skills from June 22 - 25. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/about-camp>

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.

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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