



FEBRUARY 2026

# 4-H Family News

Lapeer County



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## WARM WINTER WISHES!

February may be a shorter month, but it's full of opportunities in Lapeer County 4-H! As winter continues, our members are staying busy learning new skills, planning upcoming projects, and preparing for exciting events ahead. This month's newsletter highlights important dates, upcoming programs, and ways for youth and families to stay engaged and connected through 4-H.



### Looking Ahead! Save the Dates:

Frozen Frontier Winter Day Camp | February 21 | Clifford  
 4-H Day at The Breslin | March 1 | Lansing  
 Spark & Share Summit | March 7 | Frankenmuth  
 Exploration Days Registration Opens | March 12  
 Spring Achievement | March 14 | North Branch  
 4-H Day with The Tigers | April 12 | Comerica Park  
 Fundraiser Auction | April 17 and 18 | Bells Event Center  
 Exploration Days | June 24 - 26 | MSU Campus  
 Lapeer County 4-H Day Camp | July 8 - 10 | Camp Lael  
 Eastern Michigan State Fair | July 28 – August 1 | EMSF

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## SPRING ACHIEVEMENT



### Lapeer County 4-H members are DINO-MITE!

Get ready to **stomp into success** at **Spring Achievement** on **March 14, 2026** in **North Branch**! Show off your amazing skills and knowledge, meet with judges, get helpful feedback, enjoy lunch with friends, take part in a **special community service project**, and more. It's going to be a **roaring good time**!

Registration is open now through March 2nd! Find all the details and register here:

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer\\_county\\_4\\_h/spring\\_achievement\\_style\\_revue](https://www.canr.msu.edu/lapeer/lapeer_county_4_h/spring_achievement_style_revue)

Stay tuned for details on a special **Pi(e) Contest**!

## GEAR UP FOR 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

Exploration Days will be held June 24–26, 2026 on the Michigan State University Campus.

About **1,000 youth (ages 12–19)** and chaperones from across Michigan attend **4-H Exploration Days** each year. This fun **MSU pre-college program** is packed with hands-on learning, new friendships, and exciting opportunities on campus. For many youth, it becomes the **highlight of their summer** and sometimes even a **life-changing experience**.

Now is the time to start planning! **Registration opens March 12**, and sessions fill quickly. **Scholarships are available**—talk with **Sarah** if you are interested in financial assistance.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to explore interests, build confidence, and experience college life the 4-H way!

## DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE LOCAL EVENTS!



### Glitter, Glue & Greatness — Kid's Night Out!

Drop the kids off at 5:00 PM for an evening full of messy fun and pick them up at 8:00 PM, We'll handle the glitter!

Register by February 20:  
<https://bit.ly/4hkidsnight>



Step Back in Time This Winter!

Bundle up and head to **The Frozen Frontier – Winter Day Camp** for a day packed with hands-on fun and pioneer-inspired adventures!

Register by February 12:

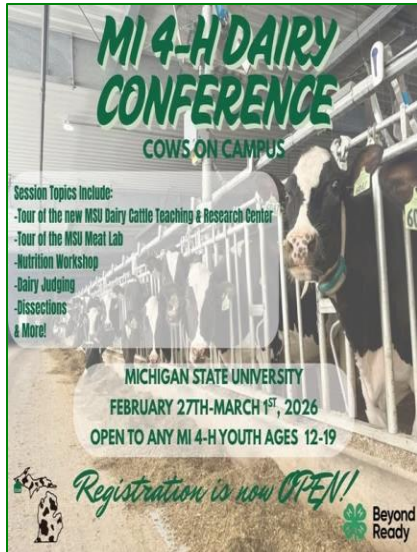
<https://frozenfrontier.4honline.com>

Spots are limited—don't miss this unforgettable winter adventure!





# UPCOMING EVENTS



Join the MI 4-H Dairy Youth Program from February 27th-March 1st, 2026, at Michigan State University for a fun-filled educational opportunity for any 4-H youth ages 12-19 and gold-level 4-H volunteers!

Registration closes on February 5, 2026.  
Registration Link:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2026michigan4hdairyconference/>



Are you between ages 9–19? Here's your chance to win a \$100 gift card, thanks to sponsor Extra Credit Union!

Deadline: March 1, 2026, by 11:59 PM ET

Resources and details at:  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h.../money-smart-kids-contest>



Join us at the 4-H Spark & Share Summit on March 7th in Frankenmuth!

Register by February 9th

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/SparkShare2026/>



Calling All Horse Project Exhibitors!  
You are invited to the "What NOT to Wear to Horse Shows" Clinic on March 28, 2026!  
This FREE clinic is hosted by the Sanilac County 4-H Horse Committee and surrounding counties are invited to attend.

Open to ALL 4-H and non-4-H youth and adults—spread the word!

Registration:  
4-H members: Register through 4-H Online  
<https://whatnot2wear4honline.com>

Non-4-H participants: Call the Sanilac County 4-H Office at (810) 648-2515 to register.

Tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate of \$7.50 + fees. Families who face cost barriers should contact their 4-H program coordinator. To purchase tickets, complete step one of the two-step process by Feb. 17 at  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026>





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MICHIGAN 4-H DAY WITH THE DETROIT TIGERS

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Miami Marlins on Sunday, April 12! Receive a co-branded Michigan 4-H and Detroit Tigers bucket hat and make a donation to 4-H with your ticket. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Michigan4H26>



## SMART MONEY MISSIONS GOOSECHASE GAME



👉 Calling all Michigan youth ages 13–19! Get ready for the Smart Money Missions GooseChase Game — an interactive scavenger hunt that teaches money skills *while you play!* 🎮

📅 April 1–21, 2026  
📱 Register by April 20 at 11:45 PM  
📱 Play on the **GooseChase app**

Complete fun missions, earn points, and you could win **\$50 gift cards!** A minimum of **\$500 in prizes** will be awarded. 🎁

👉 Download the GooseChase app, create a username using your first and last name, then register at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-mission-goosechase-game>

Sponsored by the Michigan Credit Union Foundation & Michigan 4-H Foundation. ❤️

## STAFF & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Calling all 4-H volunteers and staff!

Join us for an unforgettable weekend at Camp Newaygo, April 25–26, 2026, for the 4-H Outdoor Education Workshop.

Choose your adventure:

**Project Wild Certification** – Become certified to teach using Michigan DNR's Project Wild curriculum.

**Outdoor Skills** – Learn hands-on techniques for hiking, outdoor cooking, fire-building, shelter-making, and more!

Register today:  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HOutdoorEd2026/>

Don't miss this chance to grow your skills and connect with fellow 4-H leaders!

## FYI...

2026 Calendar of Statewide MI 4-H Livestock & Veterinary Science Events	
March 7	4-H Spring Livestock Workshop
May 13	4-H & FFA Meats Judging State Contest
June 16-17	Michigan Youth Livestock Judging Camp
July 1	4-H & FFA Livestock Judging State Contest
July 6-7 & 8-9	4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp

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# COUNTY 4-H NEWS

## RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER

LAPEER COUNTY 4-H CAMP COMMITTEE

**SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER**

SHOP OUR ONLINE RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER NOW!

Be prepared for upcoming holiday gatherings with 100% USA made, kitchen products! Every purchase you make using our unique shopping link earns money for Lapeer County 4-H Camp.

Spend \$35 and save \$5 on shipping with code "SHIPDEAL"

In July 2025, 60 youth campers and 19 teen counselors attended the 3-day Lapeer County 4-H summer camp facilitated by 11 volunteers. More than 20 local youth were able to attend through the camp scholarship program.

### Support Our Fundraiser!

**Shop our online Rada Cutlery fundraiser today and get prepared for all your upcoming gatherings with 100% USA-made kitchen products!**

Every purchase made through our unique shopping link helps support Lapeer County 4-H Camp. Your contribution truly makes a difference.

**Shop Here: <https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=8906913.9bbe73>**

**Special Offer: Spend \$35 and save \$5 on shipping with code SHIPDEAL**

In July 2025, 60 youth campers and 19 teen counselors enjoyed a 3-day summer camp supported by 11 dedicated volunteers and thanks to community support, more than 20 local youth attended through camp scholarships!



## 40TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER AUCTION

### SAVE THE DATE!



We're excited to announce that our 40th Annual 4-H Fundraiser Auction will be held on April 18, 2026, and the 33rd Annual Celebrity Autographed Items Auction will be held on April 17, 2026. Both events will be held at The Bells Event Center in Almont.

Profits from the auction help support the county 4-H program with camp, club activities, local and state educational workshops, conferences, leadership training, community service, college scholarships and more. The success of the auction relies heavily on 4-H leaders, club members and volunteers assisting with collecting business donations. If you would like to help collect donations, please contact Rae Haskins as soon as possible. Clubs that complete business visits to collect donations earn a percentage of sales.

Clubs may also participate in auction efforts by donating a themed basket of items. Clubs will receive 50% of their basket's selling price. Selected basket themes should be submitted to 4-H Staff ASAP to avoid duplication of baskets. Baskets need to be delivered to the 4-H office by April 3, 2026.



# STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS



## Participate in the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

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, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a three- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 22 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts.

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/wfpmiyi/>. Registration opens February 1 and closes March 15.

## Tickets now available for Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin

Join MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H on March 1 for the 20th celebration of Michigan 4-H Day at the Breslin! This fun family event will be held at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center as the MSU Women's Basketball team takes on the Ohio State Buckeyes!

Those interested in attending can purchase tickets at a price of \$7.50 plus fees. This is a discounted rate available to the Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension communities; complimentary tickets are no longer available due to the rising popularity of college sports. MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and their families are all encouraged to attend.

Tickets can be purchased through a two-step process. First, guests should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HBreslin2026/>. Within one week, registrants will receive a custom purchase link to the email provided in registration. Attendees must then use this custom link to purchase tickets for the event. Additional ticketing information is available on the registration website. Registration will close on February 17.

Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 12 p.m. Gates to the Breslin will open at 10:30 a.m., with a variety of pre-game activities hosted by MSU Extension professionals around the concourse. Participants are encouraged to show their pride and wear green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel. Families for whom cost is a barrier should contact their local 4-H program coordinator.



## Show your 4-H pride wherever you go!

Did you know you can make a difference for 4-H every time you hit the road? By purchasing the Michigan 4-H specialty license plate, you're not only showing your 4-H spirit—you're helping fund programs that empower young people across the state. A portion of each plate sale and renewal benefits Michigan 4-H, supporting hands-on learning experiences that help Michigan youth become beyond ready for the future.

Whether you're a current member, alumni, volunteer, or simply a proud supporter, this is an easy way to give back and keep 4-H growing strong. Ordering is simple through the Michigan Secretary of State.



Drive your support forward—get your 4-H plate today and help create opportunities for the next generation of Michigan 4-H youth! Learn more at [extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate](https://extension.msu.edu/4-HPlate).



# County Calendar of Events

## February

Auction Committee Meeting.....	2/3: 5:30pm
EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....	2/4: 7:00pm
Camp Committee Meeting.....	2/10: 6:00pm
Camp Counselor Training.....	2/13: 2:00pm
Ambassador Meeting.....	2/16: 6:00pm
Council Meeting.....	2/16: 7:00pm
4-H AgriQuest Homeschool Club.....	2/18: 10:00am
The Frozen Frontier Winter Day Camp.....	2/21: 10:00am
Horse Committee Meeting.....	2/23: 6:30pm
Kids' Night Out.....	2/27: 5:00pm

## March

Spring Achievement Registration Deadline.....	3/2: 5:00pm
Auction Committee Meeting.....	3/3: 5:30pm
EMSF Board Meeting at Fairgrounds.....	3/4: 7:00pm
Spark and Share Summit.....	3/7: 10:00am
Camp Committee Meeting.....	3/10: 6:00pm
Exploration Days Registration Opens.....	3/12: 7:00pm

### Get Involved in Shaping the Lapeer County 4-H Program!

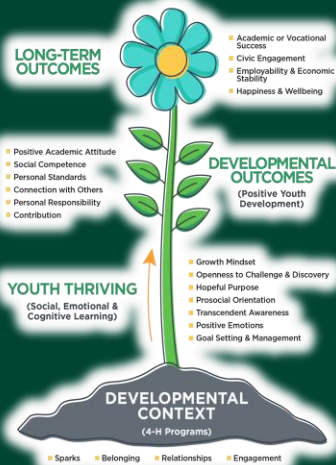
We're looking for passionate people (parents, adult volunteers, and youth members) to join our committees and help plan and organize 4-H events. More committee members = more amazing opportunities for our youth! If you're ready to make an impact and keep our program thriving, reach out to Sarah or Debbie, or stop by at one of the committee meetings listed above. **Let's make great things happen together!**





# STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 4-H Thriving Model of Positive Youth Development



Building a sense of belonging in our 4-H program has been a long-standing tradition. What does this look like?

It may be a project leader, club leader, or event organizer welcoming you to each meeting or event. It may look like a "roll call" or "ice breaker" at the beginning of a meeting.

The initial welcome allows people to know that they have been seen in the room. So, the next time someone asks you a roll call question of "What's your favorite cheese?", know that there is a reason.

We want to get to know you. We want to hear your voice. We want the ability to start building relationships by finding likenesses among us.

Contact your local 4-H staff for more information.  
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### February 10: 4-H Wild Spartans

Online

In this month's session, take a walk through the woods on the wild side with "Walking a Path of Conservation." Ask questions through a live Q&A. This free virtual series is for youth ages 12-19.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-wild-spartans-february)

### February 11: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series: Building Belonging – Teambuilding Strategies for Stronger 4-H Experiences

Online

Teambuilding isn't just an activity—it's a pathway to deeper belonging and higher engagement in 4-H. This webinar will show volunteers how simple team-building practices can help youth feel included, communicate effectively, work together, and grow their leadership skills.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-building-belonging-teambuilding-strategies-for-stronger-4-h-experiences)

### February 11: Avoiding Money Mishaps

Online

This webinar will focus on how youth can protect themselves from fraud, scams, identity theft and predatory lending.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/avoiding-money-mishaps-feb11)

### February 11: 4-H Chef Tasty Dog Treats

Lenawee MSU Extension Demo Kitchen, Adrian

Youth ages 5-11 will prepare delicious treats to bake at home for your dog. Ages 5-7 need adult helper. Registration deadline is February 7.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-chef-tasty-dog-treats)

### February 19 –March 26: Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting Webinar Series

Online

Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/guiding-principles-for-highly-successful-parenting-webinar-series-february-2026)

### February 19: Ace the Interview: Skill Building and Practice for Teens

Washtenaw County MSU Extension Office, Ann Arbor

This free workshop will help youth (ages 12-19) confidently handle interview experiences with tips and hands-on practice. Any teen is welcome to attend! Registration deadline is February 17.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/ace-the-interview-skill-building-and-practice-for-teens)





Lapeer, Sanilac, Tuscola, Huron and St. Clair County 4-H

# THE FROZEN FRONTIER

## WINTER DAY CAMP

Step back in time for a fun-filled winter adventure packed with pioneer-inspired activities! Join our Winter Day Camp for learning, adventure, and unforgettable memories!

Barn Quilt Painting

**\$35**  
**includes**  
**Lunch**

Leather Crafting

Soap and Candle Making

Outdoor Games



Saturday, February 21, 2026



10:00am - 4:00pm



Clifford Elevator 9769 Main St. Clifford, MI



Register online at <https://frozenfrontier.4honline.com>

Register by February 12.

If your child is not a current 4-H member, you will need to enroll them as a member before completing the camp registration. Camp is designed for youth ages 10-19.

Contact your local 4-H office for assistance with enrollment/registration and possible event scholarships.

Limited Slots | REGISTER NOW

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JOIN THE  
MICHIGAN 4-H

# TEENS AS TEACHERS

## HEALTHY LIVING PROGRAM

The Michigan 4-H Teens as Teachers Healthy Living Program seeks teens who want to take an active role in promoting health, wellness, and leadership within their communities.

The program empowers teens to serve as peer educators and role models who help younger youth make informed, healthy choices while developing their own character, confidence, and leadership skills.

Through the Teens as Teachers program, teens will receive leadership and facilitation training that prepares them to lead 4-H Healthy Living programs focused on:

- Mental health and emotional wellness
- Physical fitness and healthy lifestyles
- Substance use prevention and positive decision-making

Teens will receive a variety of benefits through their participation in the program, including:

- A scholarship to attend [Michigan 4-H Exploration Days](#) on the campus of Michigan State University (valued at \$250)
- A \$100 stipend after teaching their first lessons
- An official "Teens as Teachers" Shirt
- Materials and supplies to use while teaching
- Increased leadership and careers skills that can be used on application for scholarships, higher education, and jobs

The Teens as Teachers program is open to all Michigan youth ages 13-19 (no previous experience with 4-H is needed) and there is no cost to participate, but space is limited.

**SIGN UP >>**

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



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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE

## 1 SIGN UP!

To get started, teens must register at:

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

The deadline to sign-up is April 15, but sign-up will end early if our maximum registration is reached sooner.

## 2 GET TRAINED!

Program orientation and initial trainings will be done online during live, interactive Zoom sessions. All Teen Teachers will attend 4-H Exploration Days in East Lansing, MI for in-person training.

### 2026 Training Schedule

- **April 21 @ 6:30 - 8:00 pm (Zoom)**
  - Program Orientation for teens and parent(s)/guardian(s)
- **May 19 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom)**
  - Training Session #1
- **June 16 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom)**
  - Training Session #2
- **June 24-26 - (In-person)**
  - A Teens as Teachers training will be held as part of 4-H Exploration Days in East Lansing, MI. Lodging and meals will be provided for participants on the campus of Michigan State University.

## 3 GO TEACH!

Working with other teen teachers in their community, and with continued guidance and support from 4-H staff, Teen Teachers will plan and lead educational workshops focused on healthy living for peers and younger youth.

Teen Teachers will continue to meet at least once per month from July-December for additional training and support. Meetings will be via Zoom with options for in-person, local gatherings with other Teen Teachers and 4-H staff.



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Event Profits benefit  
Lapeer County 4-H Camp  
Committee



# MAKE A MESS

## Kid's Night Out

For Youth Ages 5-12



**Friday, February 27, 2026**  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**

**LAPEER COUNTY 4-H**  
**1800 IMLAY CITY ROAD, LAPEER**



- Pizza
- Popcorn
- Crafts
- Games
- Activities

*\$15  
Per Child*



**Preregistration Required by February 20th.**

To register your child(ren) to attend, complete the google form at <https://bit.ly/4hkidsnight>. Payment by cash or check will be collected at the event. You can also register by calling the office at (810)667-0341 or email [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu). Participants will need to enroll as Lapeer County 4-H members, you will receive a link after registration to complete enrollment.

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LAPEER COUNTY 4-H



Milk, Sugar, Science



Sap to Syrup

# AGRIQUEST

## HOMESCHOOL CLUB

CONNECT, LEARN, AND EXPLORE TOGETHER!

3RD WEDNESDAY MONTHLY @ 10AM

Agriquest is a fun-filled 4-H Special Interest (SPIN) club designed for homeschoolers ages 5–12, who love to imagine, create, and explore! Meetings will be a mix of ag-related stories, imaginative crafts, and science activities that will turn learning into an adventure.



**February 18**  
**March 18**  
**May 20**



**Lapeer County MSU Extension**  
**1800 Imlay City Road**  
**Lapeer, MI 48446**

**REGISTRATION**



To register your child(ren) to attend, complete the google form at <https://bit.ly/4oxJB4f> . You can also register by calling the office at (810)667-0341 or email [graversa@msu.edu](mailto:graversa@msu.edu). Participants must enroll in Lapeer County 4-H, you will receive a link after registration to complete enrollment. (It's Free!)



Curious  
Conversations



Interactive  
Activities



Creative  
Crafts



Real World  
Connections

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# FROM NATIONAL 4-H COUNCIL

## BAKE SOMETHING MEANINGFUL



This month's free 4-H Discover Box is all about creating something by hand and sharing it with someone special.


Inside, you'll find everything you need to bake a treat. Turn it into a meaningful thank-you for a mentor, caregiver, or someone who's supported you along the way.

It's a simple way to spend time together, share a story, and say thank you.

Limit one per customer, good through March 31, 2026, or while supplies last.

To claim your 4-H Discover Box and complete the interactive activity, click [HERE](#).

## MOMENTS THAT MATTER

Say Thank You to a Mentor Who Made a Difference 

Mentors come in many forms—volunteers, teachers, coaches, caregivers, or someone who simply showed up when it mattered most.

Write a simple message (ideas to get started are below) for someone that has made a difference. Whether you send it in a text, an email, or say it out loud on a quick call, a few words can mean more than you know.

Because of you, I learned \_\_\_\_\_.

You helped me believe \_\_\_\_\_.

Your support changed \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for being someone I could count on.

## DISCOVER AI with CLOVER by 4-H and GOOGLE



Get ready to explore how artificial intelligence is transforming the world around us. You'll discover what AI can do, train it yourself, and apply it to real agricultural challenges—learning how machines recognize patterns, make decisions, and support humans in the field. Through six interactive activities, you'll think like a problem solver, improving AI systems that mirror real ag-tech innovations. By the end, you'll see how AI is shaping the future of food, sustainability, and technology—and how you can be part of it.

Dive into FREE hands-on activities that show how AI shapes farming, tech, and everyday life.

Perfect for educators, families, and youth—these fun projects spark creativity and turn ideas into action. Start exploring today!

[Access Free AI Activities](#)





# FEBRUARY CRAFTS AND SCIENCE

## CRYSTAL HEARTS VALENTINES SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



Make these growing crystal hearts for Valentine's Day using just a few supplies!

**Supplies:**

- 2 cups boiling water
- 6 to 8 tablespoons Borax
- Dowel or craft stick
- Pipe cleaner
- String

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Instructions!

**The Science:** Hot water is able to hold more Borax than cold water because heated water molecules move farther apart. This extra space allows the Borax crystals to dissolve in the hot water. As the water cools, the water molecules move closer together again, which causes the larger crystals to form on the pipe cleaner and along the sides of the cup.

**Trick:** The Borax water solution can be used over again. Just pour the water and the crystals inside the glass into a pan and bring the water to a boil again. The crystals will dissolve into the water, and you can place new shapes in the solution.

## PIPE CLEANER ROSE RING

All you need are pipe cleaners to create these adorable rose rings! This craft project allows you to make charming rose rings that are perfect for surprising your favorite person on Valentine's Day. With just a few twists and turns, you can design a beautiful, personalized gift.

Supplies needed: 6 red (or color of your choice) pipe cleaners and 1 green pipe cleaner.

Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step instructions!



## HEART SALT PAINTING

Try out this fun and super easy salt painting technique to create a beautiful Heart picture! This craft project combines salt and watercolor for a unique and vibrant effect, allowing you to design a stunning heart image with minimal effort. Perfect for Valentine's Day or any occasion.

Supplies Needed: Paper, PVA glue, Salt, Watercolor paints and paintbrush.

Click [HERE](#) for video and step-by-step instructions.





# FEBRUARY CRAFTS AND SCIENCE

## SNOW VOLCANO SCIENCE EXPERIMENT



This snow volcano is an EPIC winter science experiment that allows kids to make a beautiful volcano right in the snow! As a bonus it is simple to set-up and quick to clean-up and leaves lots of color in your backyard too!

Combine:

- About 2 tablespoons dish soap
- Food coloring (optional – but why wouldn't you!)
- ½ cup baking soda
- 1-2 tablespoons warm water

Start by putting these ingredients in a plastic cup or container. Mix the ingredients. HINT: If you want your snow volcano to propel up use a container with a narrow top.

Set the cup or container in the snow. Push snow around the cup so you can't see the cup anymore. Form the snow into a traditional looking volcano with the top open.

Pour vinegar through the top opening into the cup and stand back and watch the beautiful chemical reaction that occurs when baking soda and vinegar mix!

Click [HERE](#) for additional information!

## WOOL HEART DECORATIONS

Wrap up some love for Valentine's Day with this sparkly heart decoration! Using just cardboard and glittery wool, children can wind and twist the wool around a heart-shaped template to make a decoration that's full of color, texture, and fun. It's the perfect way to craft something lovely for someone special!

Click [HERE](#) for complete instructions!



## HEART ORIGAMI BOOKMARK



1. Take a sheet of red paper and cut off the top section 3.5 inches down. You will have a piece of paper that is the width of the sheet and 3.5 inches tall.
2. Fold the piece of paper in half lengthways so you now have a longer, thinner sheet of paper.
3. Fold it in half widthways, crease down the fold line, then unfold. Use this center fold line as a marker and fold the two ends of the paper upwards to meet that line, creating two diagonal folds.
4. Turn the paper over and fold down the top 2cm of the ends of the paper at the top. Then fold the corners down to create the heart shape.
5. Turn the heart over again and stick two wiggle eyes to the front and draw a smile underneath with a black pen.

For Step-by-Step photos and a video, click [HERE](#).



1 - Light Brown  
 2 - Red  
 3 - Light Pink

4 - Dark Pink  
 5 - Peach  
 6 - Dark Brown

7 - Yellow  
 8 - Purple



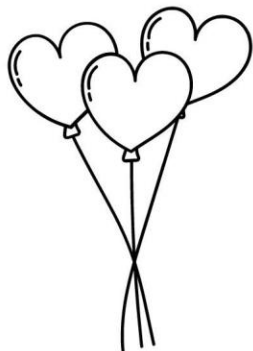




# Valentines Word Search

Intermediate -4

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