



ANNUAL REPORT

MSU Extension Ontonagon County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1914, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Ontonagon County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

43

Programs hosted in Ontonagon County

737

Participants attended programs hosted in Ontonagon County

128

MSU Extension Programs (in county, online or statewide) were attended by Ontonagon County residents

956

Ontonagon County Residents attended MSU Extension Programs (in county, on-line or statewide)

550

Individual Class Sessions Attended

13

Submissions to Ask Extension

43

Programs delivered by Ontonagon County staff

ONTONAGON COUNTY STAFF

1

Community Nutrition Instructor

1

Agricultural Extension Educator

.5

4-H Program Coordinator

.5

Secretary

23

Partnerships and coalitions

ONTONAGON COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy. Highlights include:

- Beef Quality Assurance Training
- Smart Gardening Outreach at the Ontonagon County Fair
- Commercial and Residential Soil Testing
- 2022 Advanced Grazing School
- U.P. Agricultural for Tomorrow Conference
- Heroes to Hives 2022 Online Program
- Pesticide Applicator Desire 2 Learn Course

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations. Highlights include:

- Michigan Birding 101 Spring Course
- Birding 101 Fall Refresher
- Introduction to Lakes Online
- Smart Gardening Volunteer Training/Renewals
- Annual MiCorps Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program training

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan. Highlights include:

- Planning and Zoning for Solar Energy Systems Webinar
- Fiscally Ready Communities - Capital Asset Management and Planning
- New Commissioner School
- Zoning Administrator Certificate Program
- Get on Board! Effective Meetings and Good Governance

Health & Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce food borne diseases and become leaders in the food industry. Highlights include:

- Eat Healthy Be Active
- Nutrition/Physical Activity Programming at Ewen-Trout Creek and Ontonagon Area Elementary School
- Teen Cuisine Ontonagon High School
- Senior Project Fresh
- Online Healthy Lifestyle Choices
- Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention
- Preserving MI Harvest: Bootagin: Indigenous Tool for Corn Preservation

4-H Programs and Youth

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention. Highlights include:

- 4-H Exploration Days
- Mindful Me Program, 2nd Grade Ontonagon Area School
- Tie dye with Art Class Grades K-5 Ontonagon Area School
- Valentine Art/Science Activities, Ewen-Trout Creek School
- Insect Education – Porkies
- Snowshoe Book Hike - Porkies
- Pumpkin Patch painting, decorating and crafts
- Youth made Christmas cards for the residents at Cane Court
- Family Fun Event/Summer Fun Day
- Summer Fun Day local Daycares
- Hometown Christmas Dance
- Christmas Cookies and Crafts - Ewen Trout Creek School

Ontonagon County 4-H

*According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H'ers are **4X** more likely to make contributions to their communities, **2X** more likely to be civically active, and **2X** more likely to make healthier choices.*

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Clubs/Programs

43

Members

5

Adult Volunteers