



Roscommon County

4-H Family News

MARCH 2021

We Need YOU—Grow Our 4-H Volunteer Base

Discussions are now underway to map out a path toward resuming face-to-face programs. While this may not be happening in the extremely near future, we do need to look ahead to that delightful day. This is a great time to think about becoming a 4-H volunteer (or recruiting someone you know) and the process for doing that has greatly improved over these past couple of years. We have a 4-H program that when fully functional is absolutely volunteer driven and delivered. This is just the beauty of the 4-H program as it creates an organized vehicle for local citizens to interact in safe and positive ways to grow our children into exceptional citizens.

This recipe all starts with that core of exceptional people, our loved and so appreciated 4-H volunteers. We are fortunate that we already have some very motivated, dedicated and excited volunteers who genuinely wish to grow our little 4-H program into even more future directions. Each month we are discovering new avenues and program directions that previously didn't exist. We strongly feel that we should never push our volunteers into anything. The concept here is to help these volunteers explore or find something they can get excited about. Then, the next step is to help find the way for kids to also get excited and engaged with a focus on that same topic. One final thought is to consider volunteer teams and work with one or two other adults. We are here to help you make this happen. We encourage you to be able to look back a decade from now and know that you made a difference. It all starts with an exploratory phone call or email and we are here to help.

Sincerely, John Wurm, Roscommon County 4-H Program Coordinator

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This 4-H Newsletter Is Packed With Great Topics

- ◆ A Winning Perspective from Daniel Gil
- ◆ Cooking With Kristi
- ◆ STEAM Careers Exploration
- ◆ Ninja 4-H SPIN Club
- ◆ Creators 4-H Club
- ◆ 4-H LEGO Masters Building Club
- ◆ Plant-Based Cooking
- ◆ STEAM Careers Exploration
- ◆ WAY MORE (scroll to see)

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Michigan 4-H presents
American Ninja
Warrior Daniel Gil**



Join Michigan 4-H on March 24 for a special presentation by 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil!

During the free virtual event, Gil will discuss overcoming obstacles. This unique opportunity is open to all Michigan youth and their families.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST. Preregistration is required. To register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/daniel-gil-presentation.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 4— April 8: 4-H Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Explore ecosystems, Michigan wildlife, and citizen science by examining trail camera footage. The club will meet each Thursday from 5-6 p.m. EST through April 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-trail-cameras-101-spin-club

March 9: Wild Spartans Series - Searching for Vernal Pools

Zoom Webinar

Join each month to meet scientists from across MSU Extension, the MSU Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In March, dive into the springtime ephemeral pools in the woods to discover the treasures within!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-march

March 10: Officer Training - Virtual Edition!

Zoom Webinar

This training is open to all 4-Hers in Berrien, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Ingham, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Montcalm, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The youth-focused training will offer instruction on running club meetings virtually and tips for voting in a virtual meeting, as well as provide an opportunity to try out various features.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/officer-training-virtual-edition-march-10

March 18: MSU Tollgate Farm Stewards Virtual Winter Series 2021

Zoom Webinar

This youth-led series, occurring monthly, is a safe place for past, present, and future MSU Tollgate Farm stewards and stewards-in-training to connect or reunite as a community and to explore resiliency and growth as youth leaders.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-stewards-virtual-winter-series-2021-march-18

March 16: 4-H Give Green Day

Everywhere

Michigan 4-H is once again joining MSU's #GiveGreenDay. Help reach the goal of raising \$5,000 in a 24-hour period to support Michigan 4-H youth.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4h-give-green-day

March 23: The Roots and Branches of Your Family Tree

Zoom Webinar

Ever wondered about the traditions in your family, where they came from or how they settled where they are now? Join this webinar to learn how to start researching your family tree.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/the-roots-and-branches-of-your-family-tree>

April 1: 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest Deadline

4-H youth have the opportunity to develop writing and research skills, earn cash and become published through 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beekeeping-essay-contest-deadline

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

STATEWIDE NEWS AREA

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Apply for a 2021 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>. Applications are due April 1, 2021. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.



Join the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team!

Youth ages 15-19 are invited to apply for the new Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance leadership team to help create a friendly, positive environment for Michigan youth and communities. The Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance is the brainchild of two Michigan 4-H teens who attended the [2020 National 4-H True Leaders in Equity Institute](#) and were inspired to create positive change in their 4-H community.

Applications are being accepted for the teen leadership team that will serve as advisors for the state-level Alliance. These leaders will develop leadership skills and help to create opportunities for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies to come together in fun, positive, and supportive ways. While this group is being established through Michigan 4-H, youth do NOT need to be 4-H'ers to apply; this opportunity is open to all teens interested in supporting the inclusion and participation of LGBTQIA+ youth and allies in Michigan 4-H.

Teen leaders will meet two to three times per month and should plan on committing about three hours of their time each month. The first meeting will be in April. This teen leadership team is just the beginning; additional opportunities will be available for youth who wish to serve on regional or local Alliance leadership teams, as well as join and participate as members.

Applications from prospective youth leadership members will be accepted from February 15 – March 15 at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4hlgbtqia/>. Youth interested in learning more about the Michigan 4-H LGBTQIA+ Alliance are encouraged to attend an optional Zoom open house on Tuesday, March 9 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is required to participate in the open house, and can be completed at <https://bit.ly/3q6v1D8>. For more information, please contact MSU Extension Educator Brian Wibby at wibby@msu.edu.

4-H Youth in Action Awards Applications Now Open



Apply now for the 2022 4-H Youth in Action Awards! Each year, the program recognizes four confident young leaders with diverse backgrounds and unique perspectives in the pillar areas of agriculture, civic engagement, healthy living and STEM.

Winners will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to share their stories along with unforgettable experiences, celebration on the national stage, recognition in the media and a \$5,000 college scholarship.

This opportunity is open to youth age 15-19. The deadline to apply is March 29. Learn more and apply at <https://4-h.org/parents/4-h-youth-in-action-awards/>.

Here are a few of the programs 4-H currently offers. Click on image for details.

Swahili: <https://forms.gle/aUs3MyNtAlUo44EBA>

German: <https://forms.gle/tKhaEc5m5G43XcVB7>



Saturday March 13th 1:00-4:30PM
Travel the World in a Day!

Virtual Culture Experience

Community Language School
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension

The poster features a central image of several hands holding a globe. The text is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, there are logos for the Community Language School and Michigan State University Extension.



JOIN US ONLINE!
4-H LEGO MASTER BUILDER SPIN CLUB

Every day choose to be creative, be ingenious, be an engineer and become a Master Builder with LEGO! Open to all youth aged 5 to 12.

Sign up by March 11th!
Starts: Monday, March 15-19, 2021
From: 4-5:15pm

Questions: Christine Miller email at johns832@msu.edu or call (517)552-6905

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The poster has a red border and a background of colorful LEGO bricks. It includes the 4-H logo in the top right corner and the Michigan State University Extension logo at the bottom.



COOKING WITH KRISTI

Learn

- new recipes
- kitchen safety
- cooking terms & techniques

Your free enrollment includes access to a private Facebook group where you can access six videos to watch on your schedule. You will also receive a PDF to go along with each video that includes the recipe and other valuable info.

This series is recommended for youth 10 and up or younger with help from an adult.

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Cooking2021/>

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The poster has an orange background. It features icons for a recipe book, a kitchen faucet, and a cutting board with vegetables. The Michigan State University Extension logo is at the bottom.



LEARN ORIGAMI!

KAMI ORI CREATORS 4-H CLUB

TUESDAYS, MARCH 2-APRIL 20
@ 4:30 PM

CHOOSE HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS, VIDEOS
OR LIVE ZOOM MEETINGS

Register through 4-H Online <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Choose "Alcona" as your county of participation to find this club.

The poster has a white background with orange text and icons of open books. The Michigan State University Extension logo is at the bottom.

Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>

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4-H NINJA TRAINING SPIN CLUB

Register at: <http://bit.ly/4hninja>

FEBRUARY 10- MARCH 17, 2021

4:30 TO 5:30 PM

YOUTH 9 TO 19

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A young girl is climbing a rock wall.



MARS BASE CAMP 4-H STEM CHALLENGE

MARS
BASE CAMP

Explore a hands-on mission to Mars at home!

MARCH 8, 10, 11
5:00 - 6:00 PM

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The background features a red planet with craters and a green 4-H clover logo.



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MSU TOLLGATE FARM STEWARDS TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Farm - Friends - Fun

Three photos show teens participating in farm activities: one holding a drink, one with a basket, and one in a field.



BAY AND EATON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAMS PRESENT:

Trail Cameras 101 SPIN Club

Have you ever wondered which animals come and go? Come explore signs of wildlife with us!

March 4th- April 8th
5 pm to 6 pm
Location: Zoom App

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY Extension MICHIGAN 4-H MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS SAFE SPACE AmeriCorps

The poster features a circular green background with a black border and images of deer in a field.

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**Enthusiastic about entomology?
Ape over apiculture?**

**March-April
2021**

See what the buzz is all about!

www.canr.msu.edu/entomology/beekeeping

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**4-H LEAGUE OF CLOVERS IS HAVING A BIG
VIRTUAL D&D QUEST ON FEB. 27, MAR. 6
AND MAR. 13, 2021**

RALLY TO THE CLOVER BANNER!

Feb 27, Mar 6, Mar 13, 2021 | 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm



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**MICHIGAN 4-H
Beekeeping Essay Competition**

2021 Essay Topic:
*Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and
Methods to Defend Against the Threats*

\$750 1st place prize, includes being published

Contest details & essay theme conversation: 7 PM EST Feb. 23, 2021

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2021

Contest Rules and Feb 23 Registration Link at:
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/entomology/beekeeping>

Contact: Laura Quist, quistla1@msu.edu



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Join Us Online
WILD SPARTANS
SCIENCE * RESEARCH * CAREERS * CONSERVATION

**SEARCHING FOR VERNAL POOLS, NATURE'S DISAPPEARING ACT
WITH YU MAN LEE, CONSERVATION SCIENTIST,
MICHIGAN NATURAL FEATURES INVENTORY**

Tuesday, March 9 | 7 PM EST

Registration required:
www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series

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MSU TOLLGATE FARM
VIRTUAL INTERACTIVE
SERIES FOR GRADES 3-5

FOLLOW THE NUTRIENT TRAIL

Experiential STEAM series designed to explore the nutrient cycle including producers, consumers, and decomposers.

Back by Popular Demand!

PIPPIN'S PANTRY 4-H SPIN CLUB



Starting March 17 - Wednesdays at 4:45PM (EST) via Zoom

Come learn about People v. Pet Food Safety and bake tasty Pet-Safe treat alternatives!

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

STEAM CAREERS SPIN CLUB

MARCH 2ND - APRIL 6 | EVERY TUESDAY
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM EST.
VIA ZOOM APP



TO REGISTER, YOUTH MUST BE ENROLLED 4-H MEMBERS THROUGH 4-H ONLINE

PLEASE EMAIL ALLY BAIRD (BAIRDAL2@MSU.EDU) OR KATHY JAMIESON (JAMIES13@MSU.EDU) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

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4H STEAM & SSCC PRESENTS:

COOKING WITH A PLANT-BASED TWIST CLUB!

A Fun & easy way to prepare Healthy Recipes and learn about the nutritional value of our food items! Taking place virtually on ZOOM!

**STARTING FEBRUARY 24TH 2021 | TIME: 4-5 PM
EVERY WEDNESDAY UNTIL MARCH 31ST**

To Register, contact Jalen Bell- belljale@msu.edu



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Virtual 4-H SPIN Club

Hero Time!

Become a
superhero
today!

Join us as we discuss the makings of a superhero, play exciting hero-themed games, and creating our very own superheroes!

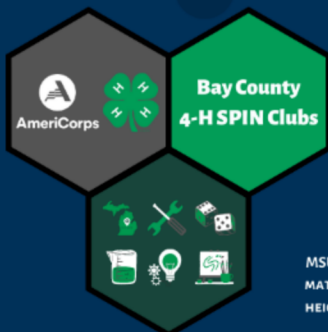
When: February 23, February 25, March 2,
March 4, March 9, and March 11
4 - 5 PM EST

We will be meeting online
using the Zoom app

**MUST REGISTER on 4-H Online
TO GET ACCESS to club**

Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up

Please visit bit.ly/4-HHero to receive
more information about this club and
how to register on 4-H Online



For More Info:

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CLOVER CHASERS
4-H RUNNING CLUB

FREE FOR YOUTH AGES 8-13
VIRTUALLY BASED VIA ZOOM

March 8th, 2021 - April 16, 2021

Weekly live Zoom sessions, Goosechase challenges & a walk/run/roll 5K at the end of the six weeks!

You'll receive a 4-H water bottle & pedometer when you sign up. There's also the opportunity to win prizes from Goosechase challenges!

For more information contact: conninji@msu.edu
To sign up visit the link provided in the description!

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**Strengthening Family
Connections**

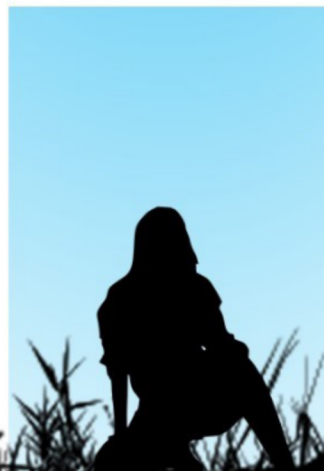


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Strengthening Family Connections Kits available free to Roscommon County families. Limited number of kits available.

Roscommon County 4-H is looking for youth leaders!

Teens and Pre-Teens – will you join us?



Youth Leadership Wanted

The Roscommon County 4-H Council is actively seeking young leaders to help advance programming, unique experiences and opportunities in Roscommon County for area youth. For more information, please reach out to 4-H Council President, Samantha Karoub at samanthakaroub@gmail.com or call the 4-H extension office at 989.275.5043.



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