

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** There have been questions about the relationship between 4-H clubs and an in-person 2020 Eaton County Fair. For guidance, please reference the main FAQ and this supplemental FAQ that has been approved by the state office (see email sent from 4HOnline on 5/28/2020 for the links to the FAQs). Please reach out to me if you have further questions.

Eaton County 4-H meetings, events and updates:

****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: 6/9, and 6/23! Topics TBD. To connect via Zoom: <https://msu.zoom.us/j/97921492415> Password: fireside
- 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.
- 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.

- **NEW 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 two 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.

Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:

- 4-H Spirit Week - Join the fun on social media from June 1 - 7! Post photos on social media and share using the hashtag #mi4hspiritweek. 6/1: Movement Monday; 6/2: Dress to Impress; 6/3: Wacky Tourist Wednesday; 6/4: County Pride; 6/5: Farming Friday; 6/6: STEM Saturday; 6/7: Camp Day. Follow along on Instagram with @michigan4h
- 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/>
- Do you have a market animal (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, or goats)? Check out these resources for what to consider when marketing your animal: https://www.canr.msu.edu/meat_marketing_processing/resources Videos are also being developed for these topics, stay tuned for more information!
- Volunteers - are you leading and hosting virtual meetings? There is a new program guide for you! View the guide at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers>
- Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions - The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives. Many young people may be experiencing a range of thoughts and emotions. During this time when our lives and routines may be changed, one way to help support each other is to come together to reflect and connect. These sessions from June 17 - 23 bring together Michigan 4-H youth members ages 13-19 with 4-H staff via Zoom to check in with others, build and share stories of individual and community challenges and resiliency, and work together to identify how we can navigate our individual and community health.

You can register at (space is limited): <https://events.anr.msu.edu/youthreflectandconnect/>

- Weekly RPG One-Shots - Hosted by Marquette County 4-H, join each week for a different tabletop adventure in a different setting. Using a variety of game systems, ranging from Star Wars to GURPS to Dungeons and Dragons, we'll travel the galaxy and defeat the bad guys (hopefully). For youth ages 13-19 on Wednesdays at 3pm, starting 6/3. To register, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WeeklyTTRPG/>
- 4-H Spartan Coding Camp - Registration is now open! 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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