



Monroe County

4-H Family News

October 2021



October 3 - 9th

In the spirit of National 4-H week, the Monroe County 4-H Council is encouraging clubs to put up a 4-H themed display in a store window, church, school, or library. Clubs who create a display, and submit a picture with noted location to paddycla@msu.edu by October 31st, will be given a \$25.00 Award. Please be creative. Posters will not be accepted. **Display should include an advertisement for the Spaghetti Dinner & Auction.**

4-H GROWS HERE



Monroe County MSU Extension

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Monday—Friday 9am-4:30pm

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Facebook:

@MonroeCountyMI4H

****NEW**** Pinterest:

@monroecounty4hprogram



OCTOBER 2021





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Fall Enrollment/ Club Paperwork & County Award applications due	2
3	4 7PM 4-H COUN- CIL @ AC	5 6pm Terra Quest Meeting @ AC	6 7pm Spa- ghetti Dinner Committee Meeting @ ELC	7	8	9 4PM LEGACY 4-H CLUB @AC
TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN						
NATIONAL 4-H WEEK						
10	11 Columbus Day 7PM HORSE & PONY @AC	12	13	14 7pm Fair Board Meeting	15	16
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17 4PM CAPRINE COUN- CIL Banquet @ Fairgrounds TSC PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN	18 6pm Cat Board Meeting @ AC	19 7pm Caprine Council @ AC	20 7PM JLA @ AC 7pm Shooting Sports Meeting @ ELC	21 7PM FAIR ADVI- SORY BOARD @ ELC	22 GARAGE SALE SET UP @ AC	23 FALL GARAGE SALE @ AC & Ex- po Center
24 4PM TRUNK OR TREAT @ AC	25 7PM SAA MEET- ING @ ELC 6:30PM 4-H CSI @ AC	26 7PM DOG BOARD @ TBD	27 7pm Spaghetti Dinner Commit- tee Meeting @ ELC	28	29	30
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November 2021



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	1 7PM 4-H COUNCIL @ ELC Mitten Tree Donations begin 	2 6pm Terra Quest Meeting @ AC	3	4	5	6
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Monroe County 4-H

KICKOFF TO 2021-22 ENROLLMENT

*our 4-H program year runs
September through August each
year. Join now to take part in
our year around programs. The
best part... it's FREE to join!
That's right, NO participation
fees!*

2021-22 ENROLLMENT BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 15TH AT
V2.4HONLINE.COM

AS ALWAYS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY
QUESTIONS AT 734-240-3182

Volunteers

With annual enrollment for our youth, also comes enrollment for our volunteers! There are two steps to annual volunteer enrollment.

1. Go to www.v2.4honline.com to renew your enrollment for the 2021-2022 program year beginning September 15th
2. Go to our Volunteer Central <https://msu.samaritan.com/> to complete your annual Code of Conduct and Background Check authorizations.

(Your 4honline enrollment cannot be approved until this piece has cleared.)

Frequently Asked Questions

We've had many questions regarding volunteer status leading up to this fair season, so here are some details to help out.

- **How do I become an approved volunteer with 4-H?** We're so glad you asked! The first step is to apply at the Volunteer Central Website

<https://msu.samaritan.com/>

Not sure if you've already done this? Call our office to double check so you don't end up completing an extra step. You may already have a profile setup.

- **What is the MSU Volunteer Selection Process (VSP)?** This is our screening process for accepting adult volunteers who wish to interact on behalf of 4-H programs and activities. Once approved, you'll just need to renew annually to remain active.
- **What does it mean to be a GOLD vs. Silver Volunteer?** All Club leaders, Superintendents, and other individuals who will be interacting with youth should be GOLD status. Gold volunteers should also be enrolled in 4honline and are eligible for wristbands during fair week. **Silver Volunteer Status** should only be used for those individuals who have no direct interaction with youth or vulnerable populations on behalf of MSU Extension. This could be someone working at a registration table, at our 4-H Activity Center during fair week, as a building guard, or at a youth or adult event with at least one Gold Status volunteer or MSU Extension employee present, etc. Silver Volunteers can only receive one day passes for kitchen or guard duty that they may be working. These individuals do not register in 4honline.

Indoor masking reminder



In August, MSU issued new guidance for the MSU community. **Until further notice, attendees at any indoor MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H program or event are required to wear a face covering.**

This includes 4-H meetings and other volunteer-led events. Unless they have a medical exemption, face coverings must be worn by everyone in attendance over age 2 regardless of vaccination status.

For the purpose of MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H events and programs, indoor events are considered those in an enclosed building with limited airflow. Barns and other outbuildings that have multiple doors that can be fully opened to maximize air flow are considered an outdoor, open air facility.

Find the most up-to-date information about in-person event requirements at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.



IT'S PAPER CLOVER TIME!

OCTOBER 6-17TH 2021

Funds support 4-H camp and leadership activities.

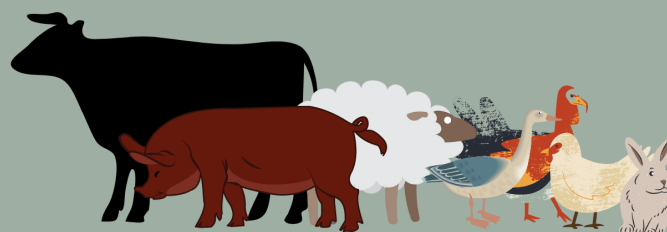
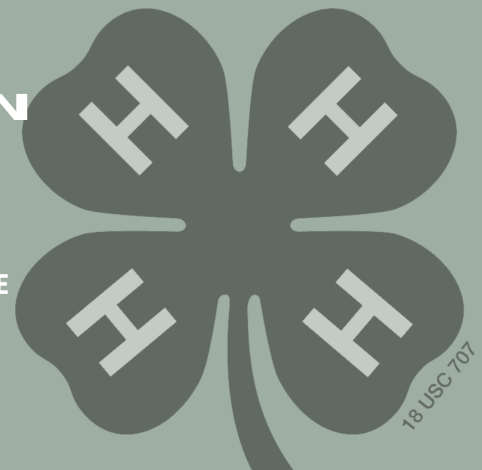


Donations at Monroe, Dundee, and Lambertville
Locations support our Monroe County Program

MONROE COUNTY 4-H

JLA & SAA AUCTION
CHECKS

ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP AT THE
 MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
 963 S RAISINVILLE ROAD
 M-F 9AM-4:30PM



QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE OTHER
 ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKUP

734-240-3182 OR
binieck4@msu.edu

Fair Premium Check Reminder

Remember to cash your premium checks as soon as you receive it in the mail. **ALL checks must be cashed by Dec 1st (within 90 days or void)**

Leaders, please note checks issued to clubs should be deposited as soon as they arrive. These checks often get tucked away for the next meeting.

Questions should be directed to the Monroe County Fair office: 734-241-5775



Candy Sale

September 9th– October 22nd



The annual candy sale is happening right now!

This popular sale raises funds for the Council, Districts, and Clubs, as well as, offering some nice incentives for individuals. For example, each members who sells two boxes of candy will be entered to win a family pack of Kalahari Resort Tickets! Members who would like scholarships for Exploration Days must support the Candy Sale and/or the Spaghetti Dinner.

Club leaders– If you need additional candy, contact your district representative.

Airport District: Amy Harbaugh	734-731-3059
Bedford District: Brenda Martin	734-854-8868
Custer District: Tina LaPlante	734-735-4108
Dundee District: Mary Valentine	734-624-1356
Fundraiser Chairman: Gary and Bev Koppelman	517-486-3951

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE
GENTLY USED!

4-H Garage Sale

Shop amazing pre-loved items all for a donation supporting the Monroe County 4-H Ribbon fund!



**OCTOBER 23, 2021 | 9 AM TO 5 PM
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS EXPO
CENTER AND 4-H ACTIVITY CENTER**

We are currently accepting donations of housewares, decorations, sports equipment, etc.

**Please no clothing or electronics.

Small donations can be delivered to the MSU Extension office during business hours. For large donations, please call to schedule a drop-off time at the Activity Center 734-240-3182

5th Annual Teen Ambassador's Trunk r' Treat and Kid's "All Stars" Day!



This event is OPEN to the PUBLIC

**Anyone interested to join 4-H, there will be information on how to
join a club and get involved!**



Place: Behind the Activity Center

When: Sunday, October 24th

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Events included: Treats, Goodies, Games, and Trunk r' Treating!

Awards Program will begin at 4:45pm for current:

4-H Cloverbuds: 5-7 years old

4-H Youth: 8-10 years old

Costumes are encouraged!



Please park your vehicle in the north lot of the Activity Center if you wish to participate in passing out yummy treats! It is highly encouraged that clubs participate in decorating a trunk at this event. The best decorated trunk will win a prize! Set-up time for decorating your trunk will start at 3pm on the day of the event.

Please contact Tammy Schmidt if you are participating in decorating a trunk and passing out treats.

Teenambassadors.4hmonroemi@gmail.com or 734-240-3174

2021 Youth & Leader Recognition Banquet

The program is scheduled for Sunday, January 16th at 5:00 p.m.

(please note this date has been changed from the originally printed Nov 7th)

Join us in celebration of the amazing leaders and youth of Monroe County 4-H. Everyone is invited to help recognize and congratulate the 4-H leaders for their service and the 4-H members who completed County and Older Teen Award Forms, the members of the New Horizons Program, this year's State Award Winners and delegates, Scholarship Winners, as well as the Key Club Awards and to recognize this years "I Dare You" recipients.

Emailed Invitation to follow

RSVP by January 7th at this [link](#) or by calling the Extension office at 734-240-3182

All volunteer years of service will be recognized in print. Please note that only volunteers who RSVP attending will be announced during the banquet.

County Awards applications were accepted Sept 1st - Oct 1st

We are currently accepting applications/nominations for the following categories through November 1st.

Volunteer Awards Nominations for Leader of the Year, Meritorious Service Business or Organization, Meritorious Service Individual, Distinguished Alumni here <https://forms.gle/b9F5cy6rXg9mDPnN9>

<https://forms.gle/b9F5cy6rXg9mDPnN9>

Club Awards application- <https://forms.gle/koSnw1mhRKxkdezW9>

Key Club applications- <https://forms.gle/fw787iUSSyrXb6xw6>

Nominations for I Dare You- <https://forms.gle/4wLPwhfTaYX8oPYb6>

In addition, each club can nominate an outstanding member to be recognized by your district.

<https://forms.gle/BCAQHddWpsqV6cxeA>

Annual Mitten Tree

Benefiting Monroe County Residents



Collection of new or very gently used hats and gloves will begin November 1st- December 10th at the 4-H Extension office 963 S Raisinville Rd



Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

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Connie Lange
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Sara Keinath
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ON THE WEB:

[https://
www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/sylc/)

APPLY BY OCT. 31:

[https://
events.anr.msu.edu/
sylc21/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/sylc21/)



TARGET AUDIENCE:

Any 4-H participant, age 15-19 by January 1, 2022, can apply for a council position. They must be currently enrolled in a 4-H program, in good standing in their local 4-H club or unit, and have completed at least the previous year of 4-H work. Youth are selected for the council by application and interview with a committee. SYLC member terms are two years, running January 1, 2022– December 31, 2023.

PROGRAM SUMMARY:

Considered the highest leadership opportunity in Michigan 4-H, SYLC members serve as representatives of the Michigan 4-H program, promoting 4-H through state and local activities, and provide youth voice and perspective to inform statewide programs and goals.



Pennies for Turkeys

Calling All Clubs!

Monroe County 4-H clubs are invited to participate on a county wide competition to raise the most money to buy turkeys for underprivileged families.

How to Participate: Each club will collect pennies or any other types of money

Why Should You Participate: A fun, competitive way to raise money for a great cause

Money is due by Thanksgiving to the Extension Office

Sponsored by:
Teen Ambassadors 4-H Club

Any questions call Tammy 625-4852

We would appreciate if the money could be rolled ahead of time.

Thank You



Monroe County 4-H
invites you to our



Winter Wonderland



Spaghetti Dinner & Auction

Live Auction 7:00 pm

4-H Activity Center @ Monroe County Fairgrounds

Nov

Public Welcome



Silent Auction 4-6:30pm

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**Bake Sale ** Kids Grab Bag
**



Dinner 4-7pm

Meal includes :

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI

A Salad, Bread, Drink &

Pie or Dessert

All profits benefit youth members of Monroe County 4-H through scholarships, recognition and year-round programming

*Current MSU health & safety requirements will be followed during this event.

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Volunteers will be needed for set-up and teardown of the event. Please stay tuned for more details as the event draws closer.



4-H FUTURE SQUAD

“The Future is Yours to Generate”

SESSION DATES

Budgeting 101

Wed 10/6/21 at 4:30 p.m.

Building Connections

Thrs 10/7/21 at 5:30 p.m.

Using Your Voice

Wed 10/13/21 at 4:30 p.m.

Goal Setting

Thrs 10/14/21 at 5:30 p.m.

Career Connections
through Volunteering

Wed 10/20/21 at 4:30 p.m.

Decreasing Stress with
Mindfulness

Thrs 10/21/21 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Speaking

Wed 10/27/21 at 4:30 p.m.

The Art of Time
Management

Thrs 10/28/21 at 5:30 p.m.

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Hello Generation Z youth! If you are 12-19 years old and live in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, St. Clair, Livingston or Monroe counties, YOU are invited to be a part of the 4-H Future Squad, generously sponsored by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, starting in October. This exciting opportunity will allow you to meet new people, learn life skills to prepare for your future, and earn incentives for participation! Participate in a variety of topics such as money management, healthy living, stress management, getting along with others, and more!

Registration

New to Michigan 4-H: Please visit v2.4honline.com

- Create your family account
- When asked to select a club, filter for Washtenaw County and scroll down until you see SPIN Club 4-H Future Squad
 - Your registration is not complete until you click the submit on the review page.

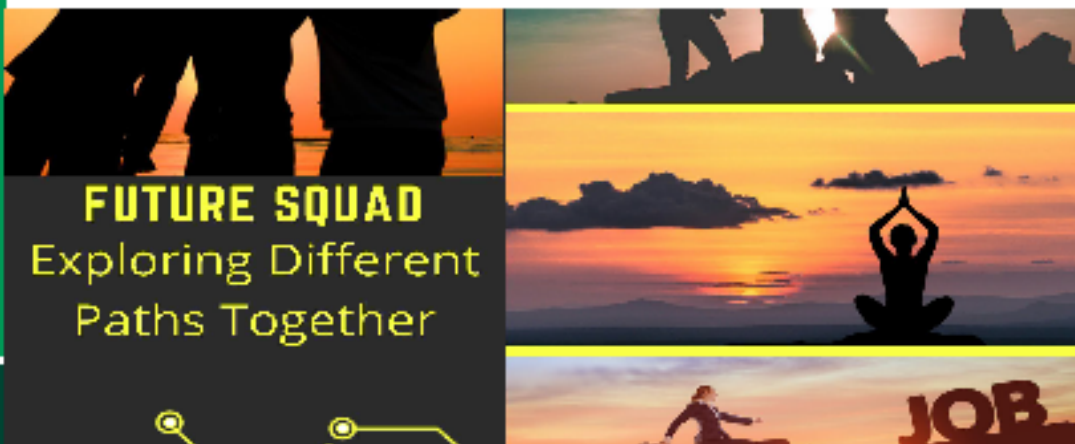
Returning to Michigan 4-H:

- Re-enroll your membership
- Locate the member wishing to enroll and click "View" to open their profile. In the left menu, click "Clubs" then the "Add" button. Filter for Washtenaw County and select SPIN Club 4-H Future Squad club.

Additional information, dates and times, and registration details can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/career_preparation/4-hfuturesquad

CONTACT

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FUTURE SQUAD
Exploring Different
Paths Together

JOB

Fall Into Fun

with Michigan 4-H

Fall Into Fun with Michigan 4-H this autumn! Using the GooseChase app, Michigan youth and families are invited to join in gameplay while learning about our environment. Each week, multiple gameplay prompts will be released that will engage youth in learning about how Michigan's plants, animals, and environment change in the fall. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers!

Who: Michigan Youth and Families

What: Fall themed 4-H SPIN Club

When: October 13th - November 24th

Where: Virtual on GooseChase

To register, please use the following link:
<https://forms.gle/p1WQ2NzdHvOZC6ku5>

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/fall-into-fun-4-h-spin-club>

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Greetings from Christmas in Ida,

The 39th Annual Christmas in Ida Festival and Parade of Lights is returning with all of its magical wonder.

The festival opens on Friday night Dec. 3 with the Commemorative Concert featuring the Si-ena Heights Chamber Choir and the 2nd Annual Holiday Sled Race to Aid Children.

The festival continues Saturday Dec. 4 with exciting wholesome family entertainment that includes the Country Music Concert headlining with country music legend Tracy Byrd, and the Young Country Concert featuring Presley and Taylor.

Then the Granddaddy of light parades, the Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights.

This year's parade will have some exciting units such as the 126th Unit U. S. Army Marching Band and the Adrian College Marching Band.

Please accept this letter of invitation to participate in the 2021 Christmas in Ida Parade of Lights where the magic of Christmas shines through.

The festival is returning in all its glory and will include new events too!

Visit the website at www.christmasinida.com to enter you club float and more event details.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Hope to see you at ***Christmas in Ida!***

All the best,

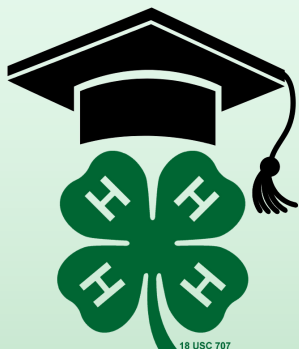
Dale W. Zorn
Executive Director
Christmas in Ida
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Christmas in Ida
FESTIVAL & PARADE OF LIGHTS

 A DIVISION OF
IDA CIVIC CLUB

4-H scholarships available



Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.

A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years). All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.

4-H Events and Workshops

October 6: 4-H Future Squad—Budgeting 101

Online

Do you have a plan to reach your financial goals? Do you know how you spend your money? This workshop will get you started on creating a budget that works for you.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-6>

October 7: 4-H Future Squad—Building Connections

Online

Sometimes it's not what you know, but who you know. During this interactive workshop youth will learn how to build connections and how to network like a professional.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-7>

October 13: 4-H Future Squad—Using Your Voice

Online

Participants will take part in discussions and activities to identify the unique strengths and assets youth bring to decision-making groups and discuss strategies to remove barriers to highlight youth voices.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-13>

October 14: 4-H Future Squad—Goal-setting

Online

Whether exploring goals for future money or career goals, this workshop covers the importance of goal setting and the basics of SMART goals, allowing youth to create their own.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-14>

October 20: 4-H Future Squad—Career Connections Through Volunteering

Online

Do you hunger for social justice? Do you thirst for connection in your community? Assess your skills and passions for volunteering as a pathway to career connections, as well as grow your friendships and networks.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-20>

October 27: 4-H Future Squad—Public Speaking

Online

This training will help participants learn the best practices of public speaking. Participants will practice getting over nerves, learn what not to do, and hone basic public speaking skills through hands-on activities and example videos.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-27>

October 28: 4-H Future Squad—The Art of Time Management

Online

Time management looks at how you organize and spend your time. There is an art to arranging your time to increase productivity and reduce stress. Learn some tips and develop some plans to best manage your time.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/future-squad10-28>

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

Michigan 4-H Volunteer Reminders

Welcome to the 2021-22 4-H program year! As a reminder, all Michigan 4-H volunteers are required to complete annual tasks in Volunteer Central to remain active as an MSU Extension volunteer. These steps include authorizing MSU Extension to conduct the background checks and completing the Volunteer Code of Conduct/Media/Medical Agreement. The date required for this action is based on the date in which you completed this step last year and varies by person. However, a large portion of Michigan 4-H volunteers have their dates cycle at the start of the program year (September 1).

If you are curious when you completed this step last, you may login to Volunteer Central at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login and view the date on your dashboard under Acknowledgements and Background Checks. The Volunteer Central system will also alert you via email when you need to complete this important step; the email will come from system@ecemail.samaritan.com and the subject line will read "Annual Background Check and Volunteer Code of Conduct Due." The email will provide you a direct link to the login page and let you quickly complete this authorization. You will receive the emails requesting you to complete this important process at 30, 22, 15, 8 and 1 day before they are due. For more information, refer to the [MSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Guide to Re-Enrollment](https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment) at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/msu-extension-4-h-volunteer-guide-to-re-enrollment>.

When in Volunteer Central, you may also notice a tab called My Trainings. There are currently four trainings available that you may wish to view to learn more about MSU Extension, 4-H, Working with Youth and Communicating with Conflict. These modules provide new volunteers with a solid foundation and offer returning volunteers the opportunity to refresh their knowledge about these topics and serve as a baseline for future trainings. Please make sure that you have also enrolled in 4-H Online as a 4-H volunteer if you are a Gold Volunteer. Thank you for being a part of the Michigan 4-H program.



National 4-H Week to be celebrated Oct. 3 - 9

For the 79th consecutive year, millions of youth, parents, volunteers and alumni across the country will celebrate *National 4-H Week* from October 3-9. During the 2021 National 4-H Week, Michigan 4-H is encouraging 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and supporters to get out and find their spark – the theme of this year's celebration.

From empowering youth to pursue their passions to learning new skills, this October is a perfect time to help the next generation explore what interests and excites them. One easy way to do this is by sharing how 4-H helped you or your kids find your spark on social media channels and with individuals in your community.

Michigan 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge

In honor of National 4-H Week, the MSU Extension 4-H Alumni Engagement Committee is hosting a fun engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters! Starting October 3, MSU Extension will host a 4-H Alumni & Supporters Fall Team Walking Challenge, where participants will create teams of five or less and track their total miles walked to compete for a top spot in the contest!

Each week, the top team will win a 4-H alumni swag prize and the team who logs the most miles throughout the whole challenge will earn a grand prize! Each week, there will also be an individual participation prize drawing, selected at random. Challenge runs through Oct. 30!

Register today at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-alumni-and-supporters-fall-team-walking-challenge.

Support 4-H with the Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online at www.TractorSupply.com from Oct. 6-17.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit <https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.