

# **Roscommon County**



**4-H**



# 2021-22 Welcome Packet For 4-H Families

Dear 4-H Family,

Welcome to 4-H, the youth development program of MSU Extension! 4-H provides youth with positive learning experiences that help build character, while developing knowledge and skills that prepare them for the future. We hope that your experience with MSU Extension – Roscommon County 4-H provides your family with a positive experience that you will look back on and remember for years to come. Participation in 4-H should be educational as well as fun for the whole family. We know that 4-H is a large program and can be difficult to navigate, especially for new families, and we hope that this guide will give you the information you need to find your way around. The weekly update is also an excellent source of information, please take time to read it. This update is sent out on a weekly every Monday via e-mail.

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As you become more and more involved with 4-H, you will continue to have new opportunities – even beyond Roscommon County – because 4-H events occur at the county, state, national, and even international levels! All the fun starts at the club level. We encourage you to become very active with your 4-H club. Throughout the year, we ask that you keep in mind that the majority of 4-H experiences are made possible by volunteers. Volunteers and 4-H staff will do their best to make the experience positive for your family. Throughout the year, you and your family may also be asked to lend a hand; please remember that many hands make light work, so if everyone pitches in a little the job will be done quickly. We understand that families are very busy, but any amount of help your family provides is appreciated to make sure everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the experience.

If you have any questions throughout your 4-H journey, you can always reach out to your MSU Extension office by calling 989-275-5043 or reach me via email at [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu).

Sincerely,

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# 4-H and Roscommon County MSU Extension

4-H is a youth education program for youth ages 5 through 19. It is the youth development program of our nation's Extension system. Volunteer leaders of all ages work with youth to provide fun educational experiences. Michigan State University Extension staff are responsible for the management of 4-H, as well as providing support and resources for its members and volunteers. Youth who participate in 4-H develop the skills needed to be capable, productive citizens and Leaders as they learn about new project areas.

The Smith-Lever Act formalized Cooperative Extension Service (CES) in 1914 to expand the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) partnership with land-grant universities to apply research and provide education to communities. Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) is the USDA agency responsible for 4-H and Extension. 4-H programming is delivered locally and operated at the state and national levels through a partnership between county governments, the Cooperative Extension Service at the state's land grant university (in Michigan, through Michigan State University Extension), and the USDA. 4-H is one of the programs offered by the county Extension office. Other programs include Master Gardeners, Food and Nutrition, and Agricultural Programs.

For more information on CES, please visit [www.reeusda.gov/1700/statepartners/usa.htm](http://www.reeusda.gov/1700/statepartners/usa.htm)

For more information on CSREES, please visit [www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov)

For a helpful chart on the larger 4-H system, please see *Appendix A* at the end of this packet.

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**Please just call ahead if you plan to visit, as 4-H staff are not always present.**

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**Non-Discrimination:** 4-H clubs cannot discriminate by means of race, color, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status.

**4-H Age:** A 4-H member's age is determined by whatever age he/she will be during the 4-H year. The 4-H year begins on September 1, but 4-H age is determined by the age that the child will be on January 1 of that following year. For example, a youth born on January 20, 2000 would

**4-H Membership Age:** Youth that have a 4-H age of 5 – 19 years of age may join the 4-H program. 4-H members are ages 8 – 19 and participate in both non-competitive and competitive settings. Youth that are 4-H age 5 – 7 years old are considered Cloverbuds and only participate in non-competitive settings. As part of a Community Club, Cloverbuds often have their own "hands on" activities separate from the older members. There are Cloverbud-specific projects available and a number of regular 4-H projects are available to Cloverbuds as well.

**Participation Fee:** In the past all 4-H members were required to pay a \$20 participation fee. This fee has been waived for an indefinite period of time. Some clubs or projects may have an additional fee such as the 4-H Cross Country Ski Club.

**Enrollment/Reenrollment:** 4-H members and volunteers must enroll/reenroll each year, beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Returning members and volunteers need to reenroll by January 1<sup>st</sup>. New members can join 4-H anytime during the year, but they may not be able to meet all of the county, club, or project requirements to participate at the Ogemaw County Fair, which is our closest fair. All enrollments and reenrollments occur via 4-H Online, our online database. More information about 4-H Online and registration can be found at <https://mi.4honline.com>. Please note that you are not considered a 4-H member until you have enrolled or reenrolled in 4-H Online (including correct authorizations, club, and project participation) AND your participation fee has been verified by the Extension office (only members and volunteers need to enroll in 4-H Online).

**4-H Volunteers:** Volunteers play a vital role in the ongoing growth and development of those in the 4-H Youth Development program. Adults have a lifetime of experience to share, including education, work experience, hobbies, and talents! Any adult that wishes to enroll as a volunteer with 4-H must complete the Volunteer Selection Process (VSP) prior to enrolling in 4-H Online. This includes filling out and returning the completed packet of information that you can get from the 4-H office, completing a background check, reference check, interview, 4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course, and an in-person orientation. In Roscommon County, we also have an expectation that all volunteers attend a volunteer update annually as a volunteer. More information is given out about the training at their orientation. All volunteers have one year from the date your first paperwork is turned into the office to complete the process; volunteers who do not complete the process within a year will be required to restart the process. Volunteers who are inactive for more than a year will be required to go through VSP again prior to being considered an active volunteer.

**4-H Clubs:** Clubs must complete paperwork and be registered with the Extension office to be considered a 4-H club and allowed to use the 4-H name and emblem. Clubs must consist of at least five members from two or more families, have at least one registered adult volunteer, and meet a minimum of four times per year (4-H club leaders may/will be asked to attend meetings, participate in county fundraisers, turn in their Annual Financial Summary report every fall for audit, and meet deadlines set by the 4-H office). Club benefits include assistance and support from the 4-H office & staff, recognition for members and leader's, scholarships, leader training reimbursements, and much more. More information regarding starting a club can be found by calling the Extension office.

**Financial Guidelines:** Each club, volunteer, member and parent is required to follow the financial guidelines for Michigan 4-H clubs. New financial guidelines were released in the fall of 2016. The volunteer book can be found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/4H1687\\_4-H\\_Volunteers\\_Financial\\_Manual\\_WEB2.pdf](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/4H1687_4-H_Volunteers_Financial_Manual_WEB2.pdf) and the youth/adult treasurer book can be found at [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/financial\\_manual\\_for\\_4\\_h\\_treasurers](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/financial_manual_for_4_h_treasurers). Please contact the Extension office with any questions.

**Fundraisers:** All 4-H fundraisers must have a completed fundraising authorization form submitted to the Extension office **at least two weeks prior** to the start of the fundraiser. A follow-up report form must be completed and submitted **no more than 10 days** following the event. Only authorized 4-H groups may use the 4-H name and emblem in fundraising and all funds raised using the 4-H name and emblem are considered 4-H funds. This means that fundraisers for personal use may not use the 4-H name or club name. An attempt should be made to make the fundraiser an educational activity for youth. Deciding on the best activity to raise the funds, making a good impression, money handling, and record keeping are good skills to acquire during a fundraiser. Above all, be sure youth are safe when implementing a fundraiser.

## Roscommon County 4-H Weekly Updates

When necessary, our weekly updates will be sent out on Monday's and are an integral part of the Roscommon County 4-H communication. The update is e-mailed to all members with a valid and current e-mail address on file with our local 4-H office. The weekly update includes 4-H information on the county and state level, our local 4-H calendar of events, articles, and photos. Updates from 4-H members and leaders are welcome and encouraged. If you have information you would like included in the newsletter, please e-mail it to the 4-H office [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu) by noon on Fridays for inclusion in the next updates.

## Roscommon County 4-H Website

Roscommon County 4-H website can be found at

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/roscommon/4-h/>.

The website has a wealth of information for 4-H'ers including many forms and helpful links.

Roscommon County 4-H also hosts a Facebook page containing useful information. It can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/RosCo4HFun/>.

## 4-H Pledge

I pledge....

My head to clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service

My health to better living

For my club, my community, my country and my world.

The 4-H pledge, which should be said at the beginning of every club and association meeting, addresses all four areas of youth development (cognitive, emotional, social, and physical). You should work with youth to help them memorize the 4-H pledge.

## 4-H Emblem



The 4-H emblem is a four leaf clover with an “H” in each leaf, which stands for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The 4-H emblem (commonly called the 4-H clover) is protected by federal law from commercial and unauthorized use. Due to this protection, only chartered 4-H clubs and organizations are authorized to use the 4-H clover in publications and advertising. The clover must also always be seen with the 18 USC 707 trademark (with few exceptions). There are also very strict policies regarding how you may use the clover in documents, apparel, etc. (for example, text or images cannot be placed over the clover). For further explanation of these policies, visit: <http://gaston.ces.ncsu.edu/files/library/36/4-H%20Clover%20Guidelines.pdf>

## National 4-H

4-H is the nation’s largest youth development organization empowering six million youth in the U.S. and is part of the Cooperative Extension system of land-grant universities.

National 4-H provides a wealth of resources, including curriculum and activities as well as fund development, for local 4-H programs. They coordinate National 4-H Week, which occurs in October each year, along with the 4-H National Youth Science Day that occurs that week. They partner with Tractor Supply Company to host the Paper Clover Campaign (customers can donate \$1 to their local 4-H program at each TSC store) each fall and spring. They’ve recently partnered with JoAnn Fabric’s as well. 4-H members, families & volunteers can sign up to receive discounts at JoAnn’s and also they are very supportive of hosting community service events or club meetings and events.

National 4-H also runs the 4-H Mall, which is your go-to source for 4-H gear, including curriculum, apparel, club supplies, and more. Visit <http://www.4-hmall.org/home.aspx> to find all that they offer!

For more information on National 4-H, please visit <http://www.4-h.org/>.

### *Did you know?*

*The 4-H Motto is  
“TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER”*

*This expresses a continual goal of  
excellence—to always strive to  
build on our goals and skills.*



# Michigan 4-H Youth Development

Michigan 4-H Youth Development operates under Michigan State University Extension. The program creates informal, hands-on educational opportunities to help youth thrive in a complex and changing world. There are seven guiding principles that provide the foundation for educational methods, activities and events that positively affect the lives of Michigan's youth. These are:

1. Youth develop positive relationships with adults and peers.
2. Youth are physically and emotionally safe.
3. Youth are actively engaged in their own development.
4. Youth are considered participants rather than recipients in the learning process.
5. Youth develop skills that help them succeed.
6. Youth recognize, understand and appreciate multiculturalism.
7. Youth grow and contribute as active citizens through service and Leadership.

Michigan 4-H provides a wealth of resources and activities around a variety of project and topic areas, including animal science, arts, careers and entrepreneurship, citizenship, Leadership, community service, environmental and outdoor education, global and cultural education, healthy youth, life skills, science and technology, volunteering, and mentoring.

Youth can apply for different awards and scholarships at the state level. Scholarships include the Michigan Rabbit/Cavy 4-H Scholarship for those involved with the rabbit/cavy project area, Michigan State University 4-H Scholarship for high school seniors who have applied to MSU, Michigan State University Pre-College Program Scholarship for students in 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade who attend an MSU pre-college program (such as 4-H Exploration Days, 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp, 4-H Renewable Energy Camp, 4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp, or 4-H Capitol Experience), and Michigan 4-H Foundation Scholarships.

For more information on Michigan 4-H, please visit <http://4-H.msue.msu.edu/>.

## Michigan 4-H Foundation

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is a non-profit fundraising organization that solicits, manages, grants, and stewards support from private individuals, organizations, foundations, and corporations to support Michigan 4-H Youth Development programs. Gifts made to the Foundation support:

- 4-H volunteer training at a reduced cost
- County 4-H volunteer recognition
- State 4-H youth awards and recognition
- College scholarships for 4-H youth
- County and state 4-H grant opportunities

- Creation of new curriculum and learning materials
- Development of new and current 4-H programs
- Development and maintenance of Kettunen Center, Michigan's 4-H volunteer training center
- Development and maintenance of the Michigan 4-H Children's Gardens at MSU

For more information on Michigan 4-H Foundation, please visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/>.

## State 4-H Workshops and Events

There are many statewide 4-H workshops and events that 4-H members can attend throughout the year. Visit the website <http://4-H.msue.msu.edu/events> to find more information about each event.

4-H Animal & Veterinary Science Camp – Occurs at the end of June at MSU and is for youth interested in exploring animal and veterinary science projects and activities. It's open to youth ages 13-16 and involves a competitive application process to attend (applications are due in April).

4-H Capitol Experience – Occurs in March at the State Capitol and the surrounding area and is a four-day conference to prepare youth for active citizenship focusing on civic engagement and public policy.

Citizenship Washington Focus – This is a trip taken by Michigan 4-H youth every other year involving a week of learning and fun in our nation's capital. The short course is designed to help participants learn the basic functions of national government.

4-H Exploration Days – The most popular 4-H event! Occurs in June at MSU and is for youth ages 11-19, Leaders, and parents. Spend three days on MSU's campus, experiencing life like a college student and attending fun hands-on workshops and events with over 2,500 youth from across the state. Registration begins in March; you will want to register ASAP when registration books are available as sessions fill up very quickly.

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources Camp – Occurs in August at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle for youth ages 13-15. Experience all that our great lakes have to offer as you go charter fishing, snorkeling, sailing, hiking through forests, exploring dunes, and more. There is an application that is due in May.

4-H Renewable Energy Camp – Occurs in July on MSU's campus and is a five-day camp for youth ages 13-19. Youth explore ideas, research, and opportunities relating to renewable energy (biofuels, solar, and wind energy).

4-H Mentoring Weekend – Occurs in July for adults and youth who are in a formal mentoring program (it does not have to be a 4-H run program).

4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing, and Textiles Workshop – Occurs in October and is open to youth ages 12 and older and volunteers, this event features a variety of workshops focused on the visual arts, crafts, sewing, and textile projects.

4-H Youth Leadership & Global Citizenship Spectacular – This annual event focuses on youth Leadership, civic engagement, global citizenship and international cultures.

4-H Winterfest – This event for 8-12 year olds occurs in February. Youth get to participate in a variety of workshops and explore winter activities.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference – Occurs in March; youth ages 11-18 can attend this event to learn about dairy management.

For more information on State workshops and events, please visit <http://4-H.msue.msu.edu/events>.

## Travel Opportunities

4-H International Exchange – There are a number of international 4-H programs available including the LABO program, where youth travel to Japan for one month and Japanese youth come to Michigan for one month. Call the 4-H office or visit the following link for more information on the different exchange programs and countries that participate.

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/international\\_exchange\\_programs/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/international_exchange_programs/)

4-H Interstate Exchange Club – This club travels on a two-year rotation with traveling being the typical first year and hosting the second.

## Roscommon County 4-H Year

The 4-H year runs from September 1 – August 31. Below is an outline of a typical program year in Roscommon County 4-H:

September:

- Enrollment for new program year begins.
- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (alternating months and scheduled upon request.)
- Clubs usually hold their reenrollment meetings in September or October.
- Nominations and elections for club and council officers are also usually held in September or October.

#### October:

- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month.
- Roscommon County 4-H Awards Nominations due.
- National 4-H Week is the first full week in October. Events during this week include the 4-H National Youth Science Day and the Tractor Supply Company fall paper clover campaign.
- Annual Financial Summary Reports are due at the end of the month.



#### November:

- Roscommon County 4-H Leader Updates occur during first week of the month.
- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (alternating months and scheduled upon request.)

#### December:

- 4-H Online enrollments for returning members/volunteers are due Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> each year.
- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month.
- State 4-H award forms for members age 14-19 are available (usually due in February or March).

#### January:

- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (alternating months and scheduled upon request.).
- All bank statements from previous year are due at the beginning of the month.

#### February:

- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month or by appointment.
- 4-H Exploration Days books are available (sign up early!).

#### March:

- 4-H Exploration Days registration opens.
- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. (alternating months and scheduled upon request.)

#### April:

- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month or by appointment
- 4-H Exploration Days registration deadline is this month.
- The Raise Your Hand Campaign occurs all month long. It's a national campaign aimed at raising awareness & support for 4-H.

- The spring Tractor Supply Company Paper Clover Fundraiser occurs mid-month.

May:

- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. (alternating months and scheduled upon request.)
- 4-H Exploration Days mandatory orientation for all attendees.

June:

- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month.
- 4- H Exploration Days occurs at MSU.

July:

- New Family Orientation is held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (alternating months and scheduled upon request.).
- Summer Camp Program.



August:

- New volunteer training is held on first Saturday of the month or by appointment.

## Roscommon County 4-H Associations & Committees

Roscommon County 4-H has a variety of associations and committees to guide certain project areas and events. Youth participation is highly encouraged and many offer great leadership opportunities!

### **Roscommon County 4-H Council**

The Roscommon County 4-H Council is the chartered group that helps to oversee activities for the county 4-H program. Meetings are typically held once a month. The 4-H Council is run by an adult and teen volunteer board & the 4-H Ambassador program. All clubs are encouraged to send representatives to this meeting to have a voice in shaping our county program.

4-H Council oversees the following activities:

Scholarships – 4-H Council will reimburse youth for up to 50% of registration fees for educational workshops for youth who attend state events. For specific requirements, ask your club leader.

County Awards - Learning, completing a project, and receiving recognition are important parts of the 4-H program. Recognition enhances the member's self-esteem, increases his or her motivation to learn, to become more involved in 4-H, to accept new responsibilities, and to set new goals. There are County Medals (4-H age 9-11) and County Awards for awards in different project areas, as well as Special Awards. Contact the 4-H office for more information.

**A note on awards/recognition:** A 4-Her's greatest reward should come from personal achievement, service to others, helping other 4-Hers, and sharing their experiences rather than "outdoing" other participants.

Fundraisers – 4-H Leader's Council organizes different fundraisers throughout the year. All clubs are expected to help with the fundraisers as the funds raised go to support 4-H Council activities in all areas of the county program.

### **4-H Ambassador Program**

The purpose of the Roscommon County 4-H Ambassador Program is to give 4-H members the opportunity to grow and progress in their personal development of life skills. A 4-H Ambassador serves as a role model for other 4-H members as well as people in the community through the promotion of Roscommon County 4-H. They have a number of responsibilities throughout their year in the program which may include: organizing a county-wide workshop, attending community events to promote 4-H, and attending some of the Roscommon County 4-H Council meetings. There can be up to 5 Ambassadors and they have to be between the ages of 8-19 and must have been a 4-H member for at least one year. Applications are sent out in the late summer and the new Ambassadors are announced on the by the end of September. The term of recognition will start on the day of announcement, but the official dates are the new 4-H program year that run from September 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## Roscommon County 4-H Clubs

There are several different types of clubs within the 4-H structure. Roscommon County may commonly consist of community clubs, which involve members of a variety of ages and interests. These clubs have general club meetings which may be held on a monthly basis that all club members attend and include club business and educational activities.

These clubs may also hold project-specific meetings throughout the year under the guidance of their project leader. The clubs meet on a weekly or monthly basis and focus mostly on project

work. 4-H members may be involved with more than one club as fits their needs (members can join a community club and also join a project club or may be in two community clubs that focus on a different range of projects).

The current list of Roscommon County 4-H clubs, along with a contact person, contact information, location, and project areas is located at the MSU Extension Office.

Another type of 4-H club is called the 4-H SPIN Club. These clubs are specifically designed to have a shorter duration with usually 6 hours of planned meetings. These meeting can be usually 1 hour and may meet once a week for 6 weeks. The duration is up to the main 4-H volunteer to decide the given structure. Meeting once a month for one hour would take six months to complete while a club could reach duration in three weeks if 2 hours of meetings are held each week. If a club is going to go beyond the six hours, a project club structure may be more desirable. It is also encouraged, but not required, to have 4-H SPIN clubs that have a focus on area of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math)

The 4-H age-specific group of 5-7 year old 4-H members will typically participate in clubs called 4-H Cloverbuds. These members are unique in the fact that competition is never encouraged. These clubs will focus on activity-based programs that are fun and engaging. Many of the activities for the 4-H Cloverbud program are plug-and-play and allow adults who have not typically had as much experience to serve as positive role model.

## Roscommon County 4-H County Programs

There are a variety of countywide programs offered each year to 4-H and non-4-H members. These programs may have a small fee to help cover the costs of the program and you will need to register for the programs.

Examples of county programs held in the past:

- 4-H Cross Country Ski SPIN Club
- 4-H Winter Workshop Series
- 4-H Ambassador Program's Clinic

## Roscommon County 4-H Projects and Life Skills

The 4-H slogan is "***Learn by Doing***" - Based on the experiential learning model (doing an activity then reflecting on the activity and applying the knowledge learned), youth in 4-H participate in specific program areas through the learn-by-doing approach. These specific program areas are known as projects. Youth will select the projects they want to work on with the support of an

adult volunteer leader. You can find the list of available projects for Roscommon County 4-H at the MSU Extension office. Note that not all projects are available in all clubs, depending on the volunteers in the club.

In addition to gaining the valuable content knowledge of the project the youth works with, the 4-H model also teaches members important life skills, including practical skills such as goal-setting, critical thinking, and record-keeping, as well as personal and interpersonal skills such as Leadership, teamwork, character, communication, self-esteem and responsibility. Iowa State University Extension has a Life Skills Model that connects the various life skills to the four H's within 4-H. This model can be found at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/4-H/explore/lifeskills>.

## Ogemaw County Fair

The Ogemaw County Fair is the largest event each year where Roscommon County 4-H members have the opportunity to showcase the projects they have been working on all year. The Ogemaw County Fair is run by the Ogemaw County Fair Association and our participation is under the directions of their set rules and guidelines

Here are a few things to note about the fair:

1. The answers to most questions can be found by looking in the fair book, which is available upon request. This will include the schedule for fair, general rules, camping rules, livestock regulations, and class entry information.
  2. Superintendents are those volunteers that are in charge of a particular project area(s) at the fair. Please remember that they are volunteers! They also hold a wealth of information about their project area and are most likely to be able to answer questions regarding their project area. Each animal species has its own rules and policies (located in the fair book or on barn duty/pen or stall fee forms). Those are posted under the fair forms link below, but please contact your superintendent for further information. Contact information for each superintendent can be found on the website.
  3. Every member is expected to perform barn duty in the barn that they have a project in, i.e. if your child submits a baked good and shows a pig, they need to sign up for barn duty in the inanimate building and the swine building.
  4. All projects that you would like to exhibit at fair must be submitted via an entry form.
  5. Youth and families may camp at fair. Camping forms are turned in to the
- For more information, check out the fair book.



## Your 4-H Staff



John Wurm, 4-H Program Coordinator



Rebecca Sova, MSU Extension Support

## Stay in the loop!

Make sure you are connected to Roscommon County 4-H through the following means:

- Make sure your 4-H Online email address is current! Most communication is done via email through 4-H Online, including sending out our regular updates.
- Follow Roscommon County 4-H on Facebook:
- Please make sure your projects are updated in 4-H Online. We do send project-specific emails only to those participants enrolled in certain project areas as relevant.
- Many community clubs and projects have their own information page, be sure to ask your club leader.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT  
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WELCOME TO 4-H!!