

Hi **4-H** Family,

I know many of you are starting to have questions about what 4-H programs will look like in the fall. Although I do not have much to share at the moment, know that the state office is working on plans and guidelines. As soon as we have information, it will be shared and ideas, tips, and help for local clubs as we continue move through the pandemic will be made available. As we wait for information, clubs and programs are still encouraged to pursue virtual options. Please make sure to check out all of these virtual opportunities that you can still participate in, including the announcement of the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase!

## **Position available!**

Would you want to coordinate youth programming? We are looking for an AmeriCorps Service Member to serve as the full time 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator from October 2020-August 2021! The 4-H SPIN Club Coordinator would plan and organize 4-H SPIN (special interest) clubs that focus on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math topics, engaging new youth and volunteers in 4-H programs. AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance and an education award upon successful completion of service. Full position description can be found at: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/uploads/files/4-H STEAM Corps Position Description FT.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/uploads/files/4-H%20STEAM%20Corps%20Position%20Description%20FT.pdf) Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to Kristy Oosterhouse, Eaton County 4-H Program Coordinator, at [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) by July 31, 2020.

## **Eaton County 4-H meetings and events:**

Eaton County 4-H Events

Calendar: [https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton\\_county\\_4\\_h/4\\_h\\_events\\_calendar](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_events_calendar).

- **Register by 7/31! 4-H STEAM in the Garden SPIN Club**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 4 - 20, from 11am - noon  
Calling all aspiring gardeners! This club will dive into a different STEAM topic each week with a focus on how they are implemented in the garden! Can't make it each week? No problem - stay connected with each week's materials via Google classroom. Eaton County youth will have an opportunity for no-contact pick up of produce for the last session (youth from other locations will be provided a list of ingredients). Registration at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/eatonsteamgardenclub1/>
- **4-H Council meeting**  
Monday, August 3, 7pm

Meeting will be held virtually, Zoom information sent closer to meeting. This meeting will discuss the t-shirt fundraiser and county award selection and banquet. *Don't forget to submit your t-shirt designs before this meeting for the t-shirt design contest!* Designs can be submitted to [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu).

- **T-shirt contest reminder**

Reminder to submit your t-shirt design submissions for the contest to create the next Eaton County 4-H t-shirt by July 31! Designs should include the phrase "Eaton County 4-H" on the shirt and the clover logo (email me if you need a transparent white version of the logo). Designs must be able to be screen printed in one color. Designs can be for the front side, back side, or both! Designs can be emailed to [oosterh6@msu.edu](mailto:oosterh6@msu.edu) and will be considered during the August 4-H Council meeting.

- **Eaton County 4-H Activity Kits - Coming soon!**

Are you interested in hands-on activities you can do by yourself? Volunteers - are you looking for project ideas for August meetings? Stay tuned - activity kits will be available soon! The activity kits will be available to order for \$5/kit, including shipping to your home, and come with activity directions and most supplies needed for the activities (supplies not provided are easy to obtain items like scissors). There will be three types of kits available with multiple activities per kit - STEM, Animal Science, and Crafts. Stay tuned for future emails regarding these kits and how to order! Funding for the kits is provided by the Eaton County 4-H Endowment.

## **Other upcoming educational opportunities and new resources:**

- **4-H Bogs Boots now available** - Love Bogs boots? You can now wear them and support 4-H! Not only do the boots have fun 4-H clover designs, but Bogs will donate \$5 for each pair sold to National 4-H Council to support 4-H outdoor education programs. Women and children boots are currently available for purchase in stores and online at <https://www.bogsfootwear.com/shop/index.html>. Men's boots will be available in early August.
- **Food Preservation Series** - Love jam on your toast? Do you like dill pickles? This fun hand on food preservation series will help youth learn the basic of making jams and pickling vegetables. July 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will be exploring Jams and Jellies. (must attend both jam/jelly classes). August 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be about exploring pickling. (must attend both pickling classes). All classes start at 11:00 am and go till 12:00 pm. Open to youth 9 years old and up. Adult supervision is required. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/YouthFPSummer2020/>

- **Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt** - August 7 - 12. Participate in the Michigan Forestry Scavenger Hunt from your backyard, campground, or wherever your family will be during this time! Learn about the forestry industry in Michigan while completing missions on the GooseChase app. All you need is a smart phone or tablet with a camera for this FREE family program. The top placing U.P. and L.P. teams will be awarded a prize package that includes a camp hammock, plus other prize packages will be awarded to teams throughout the scavenger hunt. For more information and to register, visit: <https://forms.gle/BVEqknFR6RruzivN9>
- **I Insult Thee** - August 19 at 4pm via Zoom, open to all youth. Not many people know that William Shakespeare himself added over 1700 words and phrases to the English language, words that are very commonplace today like “wild goose chase” and “as luck would have it”. To give kids a chance to explore this subject matter, Mason County 4-H is putting on the “I Insult Thee” workshop, an activity that allows youth to learn about Shakespeare and his contribution to the English language by studying, of all things, his insults. Participants will write a short skit, develop their own insults worthy of the Bard himself, and pepper their skit with as many insults as they can. You can register at the following link: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/InsultThee/>
- **Free Summer Horse Care Online Course** - Horse owners around the country look forward to summertime equestrian activities to get them through the winter months. Due to the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, many shows, trail rides, and clubs have cancelled their live events. In a heartfelt effort to support horse enthusiasts, the MSU Extension Equine Team has put together a Summer Horse Care online course series and is offering it free of charge during 2020. Participants can earn a certificate in each of the following units: Routine Health Care, Pasture Management, Manure Management, and Biosecurity. To learn more, go to <https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/summer-horse-care-101>
- **Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase** - MSU Extension is excited to partner with the Michigan State Fair to launch an exciting new program for Michigan youth. This statewide showcase will provide a virtual platform for Michigan 4-H'ers and other youth to exhibit their work in all project areas and apply for \$10,000 in scholarships. Michigan youth ages 5 - 19 are encouraged to participate. Registration will be open soon; once open, registration will be available until August 23. There is no cost to participate and youth can enter as many classes as they wish. Winners will be announced during the Michigan State Fair, September 3 - 7. More information about the virtual state showcase can be found at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/virtual-showcase/State-Fair-Virtual-Showcase/index>

## **Reminders from previous email digests:**

- 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.
- Reminder to volunteers: Your profiles have now been added to our new volunteer management database, Volunteer Central and you should have received an email about how to access your profile. **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.

## **Stay Connected!**

- Make sure to follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EatonCounty4H/> and Instagram account: <https://www.instagram.com/eatoncounty4h/>
- 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](https://www.canr.msu.edu/eaton/eaton_county_4_h/4_h_newsletter).

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks,

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