



Lapeer County

4-H Family News

November 2020

Dear Lapeer County 4-H Community –

It's officially the 2020-2021 4-H program year – which means it's time to re-enroll in Michigan 4-H! With the novel coronavirus pandemic altering the way 4-H programs are currently offered, we know many of you are eagerly awaiting the return of face-to-face programming. Until then, we encourage you to take part in the wide variety of 4-H learning experiences and opportunities available today from the safety of your homes.

As a reminder, there will be no participation fees collected for the current program year so there is no cost to re-enroll, though some specific events may continue to have registration fees. [Start your re-enrollment today](#) to stay connected with all the exciting events and programs that are being hosted across the state!

For our 4-H volunteers, we are coming to the deadline for re-enrollment and background permissions for the annual criminal background check. **These are due November 30 in order to remain a 4-H volunteer.** Any volunteers who haven't completed the steps will be moved into a "resigned" status and will have to go through the entire VSP process again, so please make every effort to follow through, even if you are just planning on participating in the future when we can meet again in person. . Here are the sites for your convenience:

STEP 1: Please go into Volunteer Central and complete your background check.

https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home

STEP 2: Please re-enroll in 4HOnline:

<http://v2.4honline.com/>

If you have questions please let us know - 810-667-0341 or email houset@msu.edu or george92@msu.edu.

Yours in 4-H,

Kathy George
4-H Program Coordinator

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Mandatory Leader Background Check and Re-enrollment (DUE November 30, 2020) :

As you may recall MSU Extension has been working to improve our youth safety measures over the past few years, including enhancement of our volunteer selection process moving toward annual background checks for all volunteers. As we move into the new 4-H program year, we are fully launching this process through the online Volunteer Central portal. Staff have been working diligently over the past year to update volunteer files and create individual profiles in the new system for all volunteers.

As you prepare to complete your 4-H reenrollment process for 2020, most volunteers will be completing steps in two systems:

1. **Volunteer Central**—you will log into your individual profile using your unique individual email address where you will complete your acknowledgements (previously submitted in 4-H Online) and your background check authorization. Once logged in you can complete your requirements by clicking on the link that says “Please complete!” https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login Please note that if you have not logged into this system previously, you may need to reset your password. Please contact me if you need assistance.
2. **4-H Online**—you will log into your family profile using your family email address where you will reenroll each member of your family including their club and project involvements <http://v2.4honline.com/> . Adult volunteers will only acknowledge in this system that they have completed their authorization forms in Volunteer Central; they will not need to duplicate this information. Please note that if you click on a link to leave this site before completing your reenrollment, you will not be redirected back and your enrollment will be listed as incomplete. It is recommended that you complete Volunteer Central prior to 4-H Online so you do not need to click out of the system midway through.

Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration is looking for Instructors!

The Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration is going **VIRTUAL** Feb 19-21, 2021. We need instructors interested in teaching an activity session online via zoom.

To teach a session complete this google form <https://forms.gle/rgYtaXy2ChWM5WAF8>

What you need to know:

- All sessions are scheduled for 2.5 hours online through zoom – 2 hours of activities (this could be multiple short activities) and 30 minutes for technical difficulties and questions.
- Each participant will need to purchase their own supplies – consider activities with easy to find and inexpensive supplies
- We are looking for sessions in 3 primary areas: 1) Arts and Crafts, 2) Performing Arts and 3) clothing and textiles

All Instructors need to be 4-H Volunteer Selection Process certified Gold Level Volunteers

The Next 4-H Kit is Here! 4-H Flower Bulbs!

If you'd like a great 4-H kit, please register here: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/BulbsintheGarden/>

One per family with youth in the household and while supplies lasts! Membership to 4-H not required. What's included in the kit:

Instructions

10 daffodil bulbs

20 grape hyacinth bulbs

Instruction sheets and other education materials that will cover:

How to store bulbs before planting

What is naturalizing bulbs - How to naturalize bulbs

How to plant bulbs

How to layer bulbs

How to force in soil

How to force in water

What is the difference between bulbs, corms, etc.

How to dig and separate bulbs

What is going on with bulbs in the winter

Videos to supplement your learning experience in flower bulb planting! These video links will have been in your confirmation email from registration. If you have any issues, please contact the office.

4-H FLOWER BULB KITS

Free Kits to Grow Spring Flowers!

4-H Flower Bulb Project Kits are great hands-on and fun learning for youth of all ages!

Kit will include everything you need to successfully plant bulbs in the fall to grow beautiful spring flowers as well as learning resources, including instructional videos!

One per family and while supplies last! Kits will be available for pick up at Lapeer County MSU Extension, Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden or the Lapeer Marguerite De Angeli Library. To learn more and to register, go to

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

Questions? Please email Kathy George, 4-H Program Coordinator at george92@msu.edu or call 810-667-0341.

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Join the fun with Shiawassee 4-H **Pamper Yourself from the Pantry SPIN Club Holiday Edition**



This 6 session virtual SPIN club is open to 4-H members and NON 4-H members ages 5 & up. It is a fun FREE event designed to create Holiday treat spa items from common household items found in your pantry. These spa items are great way to pamper yourself and/or make great homemade gifts just in time for the Holiday season.

**November 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & December 2
at 5:00 pm**

Must register with 4-H online @to obtain access to the club
<https://v2.4honline.com>

Upon registration you will receive a conformation email with link and password for entrance to this Zoom event, and a small grocery list of items needed for your creations.

Please Register by November 13th

Questions please contact Martina Valdez
valdez3@msu.edu

Pamper Yourself from the Pantry SPIN Club— Holiday Edition!

Did you know that you can create spa items right from common household ingredients?

Join us as we create spa items with this Holiday treat theme with ingredients found right in your pantry. These spa items make great treats to pamper yourself or great gifts for loved ones. This club will start on November 16, 2020, and meet virtually every Monday and Wednesday at 5:00 pm, concluding on December 2, 2020. To receive club access and a small supply list of items needed, please make sure all youth interested are registered on 4-H Online @ <https://v2.4honline.com>. Have any questions, please contact Martina Valdez @ valdez3@msu.edu.



Instructors wanted for 2021 4-H Exploration Days!

Plans are underway for an exciting and enhanced 4-H Exploration Days in 2021—and we need your help! MSU Extension's 4-H Exploration Days is a pre-college program for youth ages 12-19 years old. Volunteers are crucial to this exciting program that allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence

through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime.

The 2021 event is slated to be held June 23-25, 2021 on the campus of MSU. During this tumultuous time, MSU Extension is committed to ensuring that participants and volunteers of Exploration Days have a safe and enjoyable experience. While we hope to host this event in person for 2021, we are also preparing for the potential of having a virtual experience. We will continue to keep both volunteers and potential participants informed as to any updates as time progresses.

To make the most of our 2021 event, regardless of format, we are currently looking for instructors to host fun and engaging sessions. Please consider submitting a session proposal before December 1. Session proposals include a session title, description, basic idea of cost, any co-instructors/session supports (youth or adult) you plan to engage and their contact information.

New for this year, sessions will take place on Thursday (morning, afternoon or both) or Friday morning in either, 2.5, 3 hour or 6 hour time slots. To learn more about instructor roles and to access the form, please visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/Volunteer-Information/ or contact Laurie Rivetto at rivettoL@msu.edu.

4-H'ers excel at 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase; \$50,000 in youth scholarships awarded

Michigan 4-H youth didn't let the COVID-19 pandemic slow down their opportunity to demonstrate the skill, mastery and hard work they have put into this year's 4-H projects. These outstanding 4-H'ers took part in the first-ever Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, hosted by the [Michigan State Fair](#) and [MSU Extension](#). This virtual platform allowed youth ages 5-19 to exhibit their work in all project areas alongside peers from across the state.

In addition to the opportunity to showcase their skills and receive accolades for their hard work, participants in the statewide event also had the opportunity to apply for up to \$50,000 in scholarships, generously provided by the Michigan State Fair and in partnership with the Michigan 4-H Foundation. Among those scholarships were new funds provided in 2020 to support 4-H Virtual Scholarships, specifically for 4-H youth. Recipients of the 4-H Virtual Scholarships are:

- Magdalene Callender, Ingham County
- Rebecca Havelka, Menominee County
- Travis Liford, Oakland County
- Adrian Noecker, Antrim County
- Elizabeth Shane, Washtenaw County

"I have always dreamed of competing at the Michigan State Fair, but due to distance that was not possible," said scholarship recipient Rebecca Havelka. "The positive in this whole experience is that I had the ability to compete virtually at more shows than I could have ever imagined. Thank you so much for making this possible!"

In total, more than 400 youth from 62 Michigan counties entered more than 2,000 projects in the Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase. Evaluation began on August 24 with youth receiving an A, B or C rating, as determined by project standards. To view placings for the 2020 Michigan State Fair 4-H & Youth Virtual Showcase, visit www.michiganstatefairllc.com.

Getting crafting — for free!

Through National 4-H Council's partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and



minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com!

When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15 percent off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com!

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning arts and crafts video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Already have a rewards card? Go to www.creativebug.com/lib/4-h and use your rewards card number to sign up for free Creativebug access today.

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