



Roscommon County

# 4-H Family News

JULY 2021

## New 4-H Events in the Planning

We are very excited to announce that we will be able to offer 4-H memberships at no cost for an indefinite period of time. While we have always generously provided scholarships when requested, we know this is a huge step in allowing our Roscommon County 4-H program the growth potential we know we are capable of reaching. The recent lifting of all previous restrictions in 4-H have been lifted. This is great news.

We have several programs in July with the launch of the Roscommon County 4-H Interstate Exchange program. We can open this up to 6-8 additional teens who want to travel to another state and learn about life in that area of the country. The location has yet to be determined, but the memories formed are sure to last a lifetime. The other event we have locally going on is the 4-H Gypsy Moth Busters program. This collection effort has caught on with participation all over the state of Michigan. If you have missed this season in getting involved, we expect 2022 to be even more expanded based on this inaugural year program.

We are excited to offer a day camp experience for 8-12 year old youth. There is no cost for this and as mentioned above, the cost for 4-H membership is even waived. We are going to play with the idea of transportation as our theme and participants will leave with a great bag of tricks and toys.

As always, your 4-H Council is looking for more ways to help reach more of our youth in all of Roscommon County. We need you if we are reach the full potential of what we are to be in the future. 4-H in each community is what you work toward making it.

Sincerely, John Wurm, Roscommon County 4-H Program Coordinator

## This 4-H Newsletter Is Packed With Great Topics

- ◆ 4-H Face-to-Face Programs resume
- ◆ 4-H Interstate Exchange Club
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- ◆ 4-H Volunteer Growth/Expansion
- ◆ WAY MORE (scroll to see)

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### Michigan 4-H returns to in-person programming



Thanks to thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, Michigan 4-H is excited to once again be hosting face-to-face programs and events.

Since May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers have been hosting in-person activities that adhere to specific public health guidelines.

To learn more about these meeting requirements and how your club or group can request a face-to-face program, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at [extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities](http://extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities).

## 4-H Events and Workshops

July 1: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-2)

July 8: 4-H History at Home SPIN Club with the Naval History and Heritage Command

Online

Join Sawyer and Shea the sea dogs, along with Tom Frezza of the Naval History and Heritage Command in Washington, D.C., to learn about WWII history! All ages welcome but recommended for youth 10 and up.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-history-at-home-spin-club-3)

July 10: MSU Tollgate Farm HomeGrown Gardening Series 2021

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this monthly series! This session will focus on season extension for the home garden.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-july-10)

July 12: Michigan 4-H Sights and Sounds of Nature

Online

Michigan youth are invited to become mindful and engaged in nature during July and August by completing nature journaling prompts each week using the app Goose-Chase.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-sights-and-sounds-of-nature)

July 14: 4-H Cloverbud Outdoor Adventure Day Camp

DeVries Nature Conservancy, Owosso

The Outdoor Adventure Camp will be a fun filled day of everything outdoors, from nature walks to crafts and bug hunting to meeting animals! Open to ages 5-8 as of Jan. 1, 2021.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-cloverbud-outdoor-adventure-day-camp)

July 17: 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Online

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program for two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15!

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp)

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

## 4-H Spartan Coding Camp

Explore the exciting field of computer coding with MSU Extension's newest premier pre-college program, 4-H Spartan Coding Camp! Discover your passion for technology and develop skills you can continue practicing throughout high school.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is a four-day virtual camp being held over two weekends this summer, July 17-18 and August 14-15. In addition to coursework, it will include evening engagement activities, including career exploration. Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding experience and skills through this interactive online experience. By the end of the camp, youth will learn how to develop their own tech ideas, as well as design and code a personal website from scratch!

This camp is open to rising high school freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors with an interest in learning computer coding and applying it to solve problems. Space is limited, register online by July 12 at [www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-spartan-coding-camp). The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$300 and includes tech support, post-camp support and program fees. There is potential grant funding and limited scholarships available. Attendees will need a computer with internet and the ability to do video conferencing (microphone and webcam) to participate.

Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or email [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu).

## Michigan 4-H eliminates 4-H participation fee

It is with great enthusiasm that MSU Extension has eliminated the 4-H participation fee beyond the current program year. The fee was not collected in 2020-2021 in consideration of the financial strain put on some families due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This pause gave the organization an opportunity to reflect on how it can best reach all audiences. Despite best efforts, this fee has been a barrier for some. By removing the fee indefinitely, MSU Extension feels it can best bring the power of 4-H to all young people in Michigan.

MSU Extension 4-H program coordinators played a large role in leading MSU Extension through this decision. These professionals serve alongside youth across the state and have been champions for removing the participation fee in an effort to better reach under-served audiences in rural, urban and suburban communities.

It is important to note that enhancements previously supported by 4-H participation fee funds, including 4-H grants, awards and scholarships, and supplemental accidental insurance for 4-H youth and volunteers, will continue. Michigan 4-H has identified alternative funding sources that can support these and other local and state programming initiatives previously enhanced by participation fee dollars. This includes endowments, grants, reallocating funds formerly used for 4-H participation fee scholarships and other methods. The quality and quantity of programming offered by Michigan 4-H will not be diminished as a result of the participation fee dissolution.

The last 15 months have been difficult. MSU Extension is excited to once again offer face-to-face programs in local communities and hopes this new policy will provide the current and future 4-H community with new and improved opportunities to grow with 4-H.



## Support Michigan 4-H at Walgreens

Help communities you care about by donating your **myWalgreens** Cash rewards



4-H community members that frequent Walgreens can now support Michigan 4-H while they shop!

The Michigan 4-H Foundation is now participating in the **myWalgreens** nonprofit donation program. At Walgreens, customers earn unlimited 1% Walgreens Cash rewards when shopping with a free **myWalgreens** membership. Walgreens customers may choose to donate their **myWalgreens** cash rewards to the Michigan 4-H Foundation or they can contribute \$1, \$5, or more of their Walgreens Cash rewards. It's that easy and the amount you donate is up to you!

To participate, interested individuals should login or create a **myWalgreens** account at: <https://www.walgreens.com/mywalgreens/donation.jsp>. Then, shop at Walgreens, using your **myWalgreens** rewards. Once your Walgreens cash adds up, donate all or a portion of your Walgreens cash to support the Michigan 4-H Foundation.

**The last day to donate Walgreens cash is August 31, 2021.**



## Roscommon County 4-H Interstate Exchange



**INTERESTED IN TRAVEL?**

**LOOKING FOR AN OUT-OF-STATE ADVENTURE?**

**LEARN MORE AT OUR**

**OPEN HOUSE & INFORMATIONAL MEETING!**

**JULY 7 @ 7PM**

**LOCATION: AT THE PAVILION BEHIND THE GERRISH TOWNSHIP HALL  
2997 E HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE, ROSCOMMON**

**For information, contact John Wurm: [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu) or call (989) 275-5043**

### **WHAT IS AN EXCHANGE?**

An Exchange is an opportunity to travel to new places, have fun while learning more about your Country, and develop lifelong friendships! In an Exchange, 4-H youth and chaperones from one part of the state or country visit 4-H youth from another part of the state or country to engage in educational and cultural activities unique to the place they are visiting, including parks, museums, festivals, and food. During the 4-H Exchange, participants stay with the host families in their homes. The following year, Exchange participants switch roles and the original hosts come to visit their previous Exchange guests.

### **WHAT COMMITMENT IS INVOLVED?**

The Exchange is a two-year commitment from both the 4-H'er and the parent or guardian: travel year one, host year two. Participants may do fundraising to raise money for their 4-H Exchange.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

Youth ages 13-19 who are currently enrolled in Roscommon County 4-H are eligible to participate in an Exchange. As another option, youth may also sign up for this specific program as the previous membership fee has been indefinitely waived.

Here is some of the good stuff 4-H offers! Click on image for details.



SAVE THE DATE

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# ON THE MOVE 4-H SUMMER CAMP

ROSCOMMON COUNTY

Ages 8-12 by January 1, 2021

**July 22, 2021**

JOIN US FOR A DAY FILLED WITH FUN HANDS-ON STEM  
ACTIVITIES FOCUSED ON MOVEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION.

More details coming soon!

Register here —> <https://events.anr.msu.edu/OnTheMoveRoscommon/>

Wallace Park in Roscommon 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sign up today to reserve a spot

## Be a Moth Buster!

Gypsy moth caterpillars defoliated nearly 1 million acres  
in Michigan in 2020!

Join the mission to manage  
invasive gypsy moth caterpillars  
in Roscommon County!

REGISTER:

<https://bit.ly/MB21REG>



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Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>

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## Michigan Butterfly & Squirrel Trackers

Registration is now open for a new Virtual 4-H SPIN Club!

**Do you love Science? Do you love to explore?**

Join friends from Grand Traverse County to learn behaviors and patterns of butterflies and squirrels all while helping Scientists! The first part we will track and observe different Butterfly species in our area and the second half we will track squirrels. Our findings will be reported to help Michigan Scientists understand the changing population status of our state's butterfly species and evaluate the quality of Michigan ecosystems.

We will meet Thursdays June 24, July 1 & 8, Aug 5 & 12 online via zoom. Participants must register and enroll in 4-H Online prior to receiving the zoom link.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3gJpTCQ>  
or scan the QR code 



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## 4-H ENTREPRENEURSHIP CAMP




Learn about the entrepreneur in you by attending this **FREE** virtual camp with interactive lessons, activities and games with the 4-H Entrepreneurship Camp.

 **July 12-15, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.**  
<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/entrepreneur-camp-july-12>



## Community Language School Summer 2021 Online Classes

Session 1: Weeks of June 7<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>  
Session 2: Weeks of July 19<sup>th</sup> – August 16<sup>th</sup>



Available Classes:

- Family Classes (ages 3-6): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
- Kids Classes (ages 6-9): 45 minutes per week, registration fee \$40
- Preteens/Teens Classes (ages 10-14): 1 hour per week, registration fee \$40
- Adult Classes (ages 18+): 1.5 hours per week, registration fee \$60

Our online programs are designed to provide a fun, virtual learning environment which will introduce learners to different languages and cultures with a focus on developing oral communication skills. Our live classes (via Zoom), taught by qualified teachers, will meet once a week in each session.

**Languages offered: Arabic, ESL, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish**

Session 1 Registration Deadline - May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Session 2 Registration Deadline - July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**TO REGISTER CLICK THIS LINK:**  
[https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu\\_3571](https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3571)

Visit our website for more information:  
<https://celta.msu.edu/language-school/>

## VIRTUAL 4-H SPIN CLUB GAMES OVER ZOOM!

Come play games over zoom like Trivia, a Scavenger Hunt, Charades, Building Challenges and more!

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays  
July 6 - July 15  
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM EST

We will be meeting online using the Zoom app

**MUST REGISTER on 4-H Online TO GET ACCESS to club**

**Free and Open to youth ages 9 and Up**

Please visit [bit.ly/4hgames](https://bit.ly/4hgames) to receive more information about this club and how to register on 4-H Online

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**When you roll a 1 on a perception check...**

**"It's just your imagination"**

**Mason County 4-H League of Clovers is hosting a virtual D&D event on July 3, 10, and 17 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Register today!!!**



**Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society  
231-845-3365**



**When your Tech Wizards GooseChase mission for the day reads "The Truth is Out There..."**

**Michigan 4-H Tech Wizards  
231-845-3365**



**Michigan 4-H Tech Wizards  
Full STEAM Ahead  
GooseChase Scavenger Hunt  
July 19 thru July 25, 2021  
Register today!!!**

Want to see more? Visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events>

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AT-HOME ACTIVITIES  
**4-H POLLINATORS**

FREE  
Grades  
Pre-K - 10



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**ANTS, BATS, BEES, BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES!**  
Learn about the fascinating insects and animals  
that keep the earth alive!

<http://bit.ly/4hPollinators>



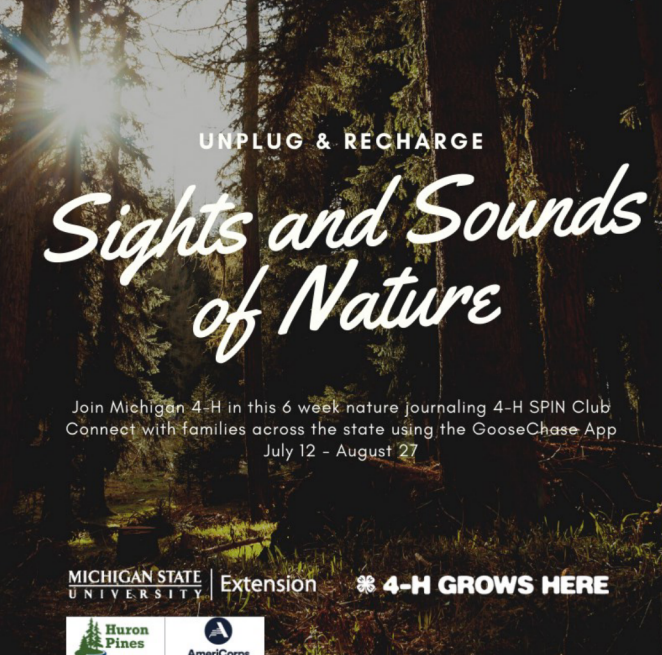
**DON'T MISS OUT!**

There are still spots available for  
MSU Tollgate's Vet Science Camp  
July 26- 30 for Ages 12-14  
<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Summercamp2021/>



UNPLUG & RECHARGE

*Sights and Sounds  
of Nature*

Join Michigan 4-H in this 6 week nature journaling 4-H SPIN Club  
Connect with families across the state using the GooseChase App  
July 12 - August 27



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**4-H SPARTAN CODING CAMP**



JOIN US ONLINE!  
4-H SPARTAN CODING CAMP

- Developing your own tech ideas; designing and coding a personal website from scratch!
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a website.
- Discovering the essentials of web design and development.
- Practicing coding skills in HTML, CSS, JS, Ruby, Rails and Github.
- Enhancing your passion for technology and growing real-world skills.
- Exploring career opportunities available at MSU!



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## Trainings Available for our 4-H Volunteers

### Communicating Through Conflict TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Gain tools and techniques to handle heated situations and interpersonal conflict more effectively.

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Online in Volunteer Central - My Trainings  
[https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer\\_home](https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_home)

We are always willing to assist new potential volunteers to support the Roscommon County 4-H program. This is indeed a special group of people, so please consider joining our ranks in 2021 and make a difference in the lives of our children. Contact John Wurm at [wurmj@msu.edu](mailto:wurmj@msu.edu) to explore further or call 785-260-3186 for a discussion.

Youth leaders: 4-H invites you to make a difference.

## Teens and Pre-Teens – will you join us?



### Youth Leadership Wanted

The Roscommon County 4-H Council is actively seeking young leaders to help advance programming, unique experiences and opportunities in Roscommon County for area youth. For more information, please reach out to 4-H Council President, Samantha Karoub at [samanthakaroub@gmail.com](mailto:samanthakaroub@gmail.com) or call the 4-H extension office at 989.275.5043.

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