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4-H Family News

WAYNE COUNTY



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WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge



Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H Military Family Program is celebrating the Month of the Military Child during the first two weeks of April with a virtual challenge in which youth aged 13-19 across Michigan can participate.

Download the GooseChase app for free. Compete with others for points and prizes by posting text, photos, and videos. See where you fall in the rankings daily by checking out the leaderboard and activity feed. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place teams. In addition, the first 50 registrations will receive a free 4-H Mars Base Camp Rover and 4-H Ocean Robot to use in the challenge.

Open from April 1 to April 16.

For more information, visit <https://events.anr.msu.edu/momc2023/>

Virtual Cloverbuds

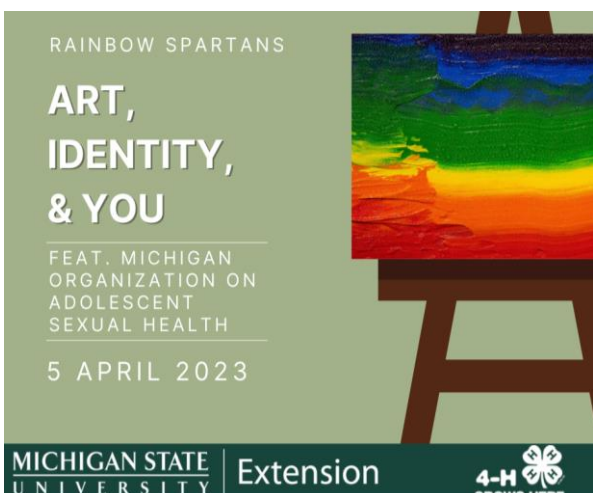
Calling all Cloverbuds! We are excited to share that enrollment is now open for our Spring 4-H Virtual Cloverbuds SPIN Club. This free SPIN Club is designed just for our 4-H Cloverbud youth ages 5-7 (as of January 1, 2022). Each week we will meet on Zoom to explore a different 4-H project area and complete a hands-on activity. Registered youth will receive an activity kit with materials needed to complete each weekly activity. At the end of the 4-H Virtual Cloverbuds SPIN club we will share what we learned and our projects in a virtual showcase. Registration is now open for youth in Macomb and Wayne counties.

To register for the parent information session, click [here](#)

Parent information night: April 4, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Date and time: Tuesdays starting April 11, 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Rainbow Spartans: Art, Identity and You



Join 4-H staff as we meet individuals and organizations in the LGBTQIA+ community, and learn about the LGBTQIA+ community, support networks, and individuals and organizations!

Art and creative expression are healthy and effective methods of self-reflection, self-expression, and community building. From the novels of Oscar Wilde to the music of Lil Nas X, we'll explore the ways both past and present LGBTQ+ figures have used artistic efforts to express themselves and their identities. We'll then consider a few different artistic mediums and provide some tips on how to get started with an unfamiliar skill. Finally, we'll discuss the benefits of community and how you can find and connect with other people who share your identities, interests, and skills!

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-hwrh/rainbow-spartans>

Date and time: April 5, 6:30 – 7:30 PM



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Michigan 4-H Youth and Teen Textile Program



If you or a youth you know has an interest in creating clothing & creative fashion items, visit Wayne County 4-H at Taylor Community Library to learn the foundations of textiles! Each week, youth and teens can learn how to operate sewing machines, Cricuts, and vinyl press machines to create and customize clothing, hats, bags, and many other fabric-based crafts. This program is aimed toward youth ages 7-18, with a limit of 12 attendees per event. Materials and tools will be provided.

For more information and registration, visit <https://taylor.lib.mi.us/event/michigan-4-h-youth-and-teen-textile-program/>

Date and time: Thursdays starting April 6, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Location: Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee Rd., Taylor, MI 48180

Adulting 101: Build and Protect Your Credit

Are you ready to leave for college or be out on your own? Are you prepared to do adult tasks and have skills to be successful? Michigan State University Extension's online Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE monthly session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently.

In this Adulting 101 session, learn about credit and how it impacts future goals. This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

Date and time: April 12, 6:00 PM

Show Your Money Smarts Contest

SHOW YOUR MONEY SMARTS CONTEST
AGES 13-19
REGISTER BY APRIL 13, 2023 AND COMPLETE BY APRIL 30, 2023

WIN BY TAKING AN ONLINE CHALLENGE QUIZ

SPONSORED BY:
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MCUF

Learn how to use credit wisely in this year's fifth annual online contest. Compete with other youth aged 13-19 across the state of Michigan in this 30-question online challenge during the month of April and win prizes. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing to win \$25 gift card. Start developing a good credit score and history at a young age and learn how to make your credit work for you!

Teachers, librarians and other youth development professionals also can win \$25 gift card if a non-related youth you referred to the contest wins. One gift card per referring adult.

Registration deadline: April 13

For more information and registration, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/show-your-money-smarts-contest-2023>



WAYNE COUNTY CURRENT EVENTS

Resume Workshop for High Schoolers



Join a professional from MSU 4-H Extension Education for a resume writing workshop where you can win a door prize, get tips and tricks for writing your best resume, and spend some time workshopping your resume with personal advice. This event is limited to teens in high school!

Laptops will be available on a limited basis for the writing portion and will be first come, first served based on registration.

Registration opens: April 1

Date and time: April 15, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

Location: Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Rd, Redford, MI 48240

For more information and registration visit

<https://www.rtdl.org/events/#/events/dGwilBhYFj/instances/3sNXhpbzbZ/>

4-H Exploration Days

Have you heard of 4-H, but are unsure what opportunities are available through the program? Are you wanting to join 4-H, but haven't yet participated? Have you participated in any 4-H activities and want to connect on a deeper level? Whatever your answer is to these questions, we have an opportunity for you to connect with us. Join Extension and Michigan youth at MSU's campus for this fun and engaging pre-college program! This summer, youth can build community and partake in career exploration, all while staying on the MSU campus. Don't wait- sessions are filling fast! This year Wayne County 4-H will offer limited \$50 scholarships to youth interested in going to 4-H Exploration Days. In order to be considered for the scholarship, youth must submit a response of 500 words or less on what 4-H means to you and/or how 4-H has impacted you. This submission can be sent to 4-H Program Coordinator Ashleigh Apel at apelashl@msu.edu. Please include in the subject line the youth's first and last name and 4-H Exploration Days Scholarship Application. Scholarship submissions will be accepted until April 7, 2023.

Registration deadline: April 20 at 5:00 PM

For more information and registration, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/

Cash Composition Contest

4-H Cash Composition Contest

An Essay Contest for Michigan Youth Between the Ages of 9-12



In support of Financial Literacy Month (April), Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H are sponsoring the Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, aged 9-12 years old, are encouraged to answer this year's Essay Question (see website) with an essay of 300 words or less. The top scoring essays will win a \$100 gift card thanks to the generous sponsorship of Extra Credit Union.

Submission deadline: April 30

For more information and registration, visit

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cash-composition-contest-2023>



Earn a \$100 Gift Card by Sharing Your Financial Knowledge

Sponsored By:





STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Support 4-H with the TSC 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 from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign.

Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!



Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game. Link to order tickets will be available soon at www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-with-the-detroit-tigers.

April 1: Month of the Military Child Virtual Challenge

Online

Join Michigan 4-H and military partners as we celebrate April as the Month of the Military Child with an online GooseChase! Open to both military families and civilians.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/month-of-the-military-child-virtual-challenge

April 4: Youth Credit Craze

Online

This webinar will help youth learn the basics of credit, comparing credit and debit, understanding credit scores, knowing the different versions of credit, and tips to managing credit wisely.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youthcreditcraze>

April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

Online

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant and the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-april-2023>

April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

Online

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-4-12-23>

April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest>

SAVE THE DATE!

May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/paddlesports-leader-training>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp!

4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education. The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire. First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today. For more information and to register, visit www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/.



4-H GREAT LAKES AND NATURAL RESOURCES CAMP

July 23-29, 2023
Camp Chickagami, Presque Isle
Registration Now Open!



Register for 4-H Exploration Days!

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live in the dorms and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!

4-H Exploration days will be held June 21 to 23 at MSU in East Lansing. All Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event t-shirt and free-time activities. Contact your local MSU Extension office to find out if your county 4-H program offers scholarships for youth participants.

Participants who will enter eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grades after attending 4-H Exploration Days are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2,000 MSU Pre-College Scholarship. 4-H Exploration Days participants will be invited to apply for nomination by writing an essay.

Registration opened March 21 and closes April 20. You'll want to register soon – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis! For registration links or more information, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_exploration_days/



4-H IN THE COMMUNITY

4-H at Cranbrook Science Center

4-H Educator, Ashleigh Apel, and 4-H Program Instructor, Waverly Eubank, ran two fun activities at the *Spring Into Science* event hosted by Cranbrook Science Center!

Ashleigh taught chromatography, and participants were able to make colorful butterflies using just a few household items- coffee filters, markers, rubbing alcohol, and pipe cleaners. Participants enjoyed watching the colors spread before their eyes and could be seen “flapping” their butterflies' wings!

Waverly, on the other end of the table, taught participants how to make their very own garden in a glove, using seeds, cotton balls, and gloves. Participants used their smarts to explain what plants need to grow (air, soil, water, and sunlight), and created their very own simulated garden. They couldn't wait to get home to watch their seeds grow!



Become a volunteer!

Are you seeking to give back to your community? Are you motivated, kind, and friendly? Do you want to help youth grow into great leaders? Join 4-H as a volunteer! Volunteers serve an important role, from chaperoning events to leading clubs. If this sounds of interest to you, visit us online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/becoming_a_4_h_volunteer/ to learn more.



FUN FAMILY ACTIVITY

SUPPLIES

- Crepe paper streamers in a variety of colors
- Optional music

Source: 4-H Heads In, Hearts In Healthy Living Activities



Streamer Dance

Choose one streamer from the table. Dance and use it to make a variety of creative movements.

Ideas for creative movement:

- Write your name.
- Make shapes such as a circle, a square and a triangle.
- Make small movements and then big movements.
- Create slow motion movements and then fast movements.
- Make your own kind of whacky movement.

2. If music is provided, use the streamers to dance to the various types of music that are played.

3. Be creative and try to come up with additional movements you can do using your streamer!

Considerations for Parents

Movement is important for everyone. Being physically active not only burns calories, but also helps to boost imagination, social skills, brain function and coordination. Families can be creative with the way they move and have fun with their kids. Streamers are a great tool to encourage movement for the entire family!

