

Hi **4-H** Family,

Although all 4-H programs, opportunities, and experiences with all 4-H projects, clubs, county meetings, and events are to remain virtual this summer, we have a lot to offer! Show off your project work at the new Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H Virtual Showcase. Or explore your photography skills and self-expression during the Eaton County 4-H Photovoice project. Get creative with designing a t-shirt for our county, or learn cooking skills from a professional chef, and learn about how STEAM topics connect to gardening. And those are just in our county - you can also participate in all the other statewide offerings as well, all for free!

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 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.

- **Submit entries by Wednesday 7/22! Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H Virtual Showcase**

Clinton, Eaton, and Van Buren County 4-H programs are teaming up to offer youth the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects virtually! Show what you've learned in your 4-H project this year and your project, from your photography, to sewing and crafts, to animal showmanship, and more! Entry registration is due on July 22! Entries will be judged and results available the week of July 27. Please see the email sent from 4HOnline on 7/8/2020 for more information, including lots of help documents. If you need the email resent, please let me know! Entries can be submitted at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/14801>. Tip: You can start the entry process,

save information, and go back later to add additional information up until the deadline as long as you don't click submit on your entries (but make sure to go click submit before the deadline!). **NEW** If you cannot find the email with the support documents, all of the information is now available online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/van_buren/van_buren_county_4_h/van-buren-county-4-h-virtual-showcase-auctions

- **Register by Wednesday 7/22! Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project**
Mondays and Thursdays July 27-August 13, from 1pm - 2pm
The 2020 year has brought awareness, changes, challenges, and different experiences into our lives, including the impacts of novel coronavirus and protests surrounding systemic racism. The Eaton County 4-H Photovoice Project creates space for youth ages 13-19 to share their stories of their experiences during this year so far through the lens of their photography. Teens will have the opportunity for self-expression through a series of photography prompts, discussion with other Eaton County youth on the photos and issues, and bring awareness to their community about the issues that are affecting them during this time. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/eatonphotovoice2020/>
- **Registration now open! 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/>
- **Register soon - starts 7/23! Fresh Garden Cooking Club**
Thursdays, July 23 - August 27, from 6:00- 7:00 PM
Each week, participants will have the opportunity to join a professional chef as he demonstrates how to make healthy meals using garden fresh ingredients. We'll upload videos & recipes in our Google Classroom. Families from Eaton County are eligible for contactless ingredient pick-ups. For more information and to register, please contact Rachel Ochylski at ochylski@msu.edu. This free online 4-H Special Interest Club is open to 4-H and non-4-H members. This club will meet virtually via Zoom. This club is supported by the Lansing South Side Community Coalition, MSU Extension, and 4-H STEAM Corps. Youth should be accompanied by an older sibling or a parent during the cooking demonstrations. Please share this opportunity with interested youth!
- **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.

- **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:

- **Teen Spokesperson Virtual Camp** - Join us for fun filled day where you will learn how to use a variety of communication tools including social media, video, photography. Plus practice public speaking, interviewing and dining etiquette will also be featured. Program will take place on Wednesday, July 29 from 10:00 am-2:30 pm. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/spokesperson/> by July 27.
- **Venture to Adventure** - Does working outside interest you? Enjoy camping, hunting, hiking, kayaking, nature photography, or fishing? Learn firsthand about careers that will keep you connected to the natural environment at the Venture to Adventure online program on July 28th at 1pm. The hour-long program will include live and video presentations from professionals in the field as well as games and interaction. Open to youth 11-19 years old. More information and register at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/VenturetoAdventure/>
- **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 20th and 27th will be exploring Jams and Jellies. (must attend both jam/jelly classes). August 10th and 17th 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/>

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/>. I highly recommend making sure you have liked the Facebook page and marked "See First" and "Notifications On" under the follow settings so that you see our posts (Facebook's algorithm sometimes does not show page posts in newsfeeds, so this is the best way to ensure you will see all posts)!
- **NEW** Did you know we have an Instagram account? Although the account is not new, we are attempting to better utilize this social media channel! Follow us at <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.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Thanks,

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