



Missaukee County

# 4-H Family News

May/June 2020

## 4-H Virtual Learning Showcase

We are excited to announce the 131 North Virtual Learning Showcase. The local event offers Missaukee County 4-H members the opportunity to showcase their 4-H projects in place of an in-person fair.

The goal of the showcase is to celebrate the hard work of all of our 4-H members. This means showing off your projects ranging from model railroad segments to market animals and everything in between.

If we've piqued your interest, email me or watch FB and your email inbox for more information soon.

Sincerely,  
Brandie Sigler



## Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed our lives. During this time when our lives and routines may be changed, one way to help support each other is to come together to reflect and connect. Youth Reflect and Connect Sessions (June 17-23, 2020) bring together Michigan 4-H youth members (ages 13-19) with 4-H staff, in a Zoom conversation, to do the following:

- Check-in with others
- Share stories of individual and community challenges and resiliency
- Identify how we can navigate our individual and community health

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/youthreflectandconnect/>.

Space is limited

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## Happy Birthday

Charlie B.  
Chiara S.  
Chris B.  
Isabella B.  
Kristin K.  
LeeAnn B.  
Maci T.  
Scout S.  
James K.  
Kayden A.  
Kaylissa A.  
Levi M.  
Lynnae D.  
Matthew U.  
Sam P.

### **Virtual 4-H programming guidelines for volunteers**



When face-to-face programming is not possible due to social distancing, virtual 4-H experiences are opportunities for 4-H groups to continue engaging together. Though virtual programs may never fully replace the relationships built by meeting in-person, they can also supplement face-to-face programming. But how can you make sure virtual programs are successful?

MSU Extension recently released a helpful document that can guide 4-H volunteers in using technology to the fullest potential. This resource provides volunteers with expectations for leading virtual programs with youth and best practices for success.

Access “Virtual 4-H Programming Guidelines for Volunteers” online at [canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers](https://canr.msu.edu/resources/virtual-4-h-programming-guidelines-for-volunteers).

## **4-H Events and Workshops**

**June 9: 4-H Teen Tuesday—Making Money at Home This Summer**

*Zoom webinar*

Current 4-H members can connect each Tuesday with their peers across the state while learning about a wide array of 4-H project areas.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/june-9-4-h-teen-tuesday-making-money-at-home-this-summer-1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/june-9-4-h-teen-tuesday-making-money-at-home-this-summer-1)

**June 11: 4-H at 4 on Thursdays**

*Zoom webinar*

These weekly 45 minute sessions are designed to provide an overview of a variety of 4-H programs and activities for 8 to 12 year-old youth.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-at-4-on-thursdays](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-at-4-on-thursdays)

**June 11: Ocean Explorers**

*Zoom webinar*

Join your 4-H friends and marine educator Madison Dix on a virtual discovery of sea life! Learn about amazing creatures, their habitats, and stewardship issues surrounding ocean ecosystems.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/2020-4-h-ocean-explorers-1](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2020-4-h-ocean-explorers-1)

**June 20: Missaukee 4-H Summer Classic Virtual No-Fit Heifer & Steer Show**

*Zoom webinar*

Join this opportunity to build confidence and hear feedback from judge Randy Barnes This show is open to all Michigan 4-H members.

[www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-4-h-summer-classic-virtual-no-fit-heifer-steer-show](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/missaukee-4-h-summer-classic-virtual-no-fit-heifer-steer-show)

**SAVE THE DATE: July 15-17: North Central 4-H Summer Camp In-A-Box**

View more virtual events at [canr.msu.edu/Online4MI](https://canr.msu.edu/Online4MI).



## 4-H Spartan Coding Camp goes virtual!

Explore the exciting field of computer coding at MSU Extension’s newest premier pre-college program—virtually! Whether you have prior computer coding knowledge, or have never even thought about it, you will gain valuable coding skills at this fun STEM summer camp being hosted online from June 22-25.

Virtual 4-H Spartan Coding Camp campers will enjoy experiences

such as:

- Developing your own tech ideas; designing and coding an application from scratch; and attracting users to your product!
- Learning the fundamentals of launching a product.
- 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!

After the camp is over, youth will continue to learn and practice at their own pace with nearly 60 hours of self-paced online lessons that allow you to further hone your coding skills.

4-H Spartan Coding Camp is open to youth entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2020. Attendees should have a computer with internet and the ability to video conference (microphone and webcam). Registration is now open. Learn more at [www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-spartan-coding-camp/index).

The cost to attend this four-day camp is \$320 and includes tech support, post-camp support, and program fees. Current Michigan 4-H members receive a \$20 discount. Questions? Contact Christine Miller at 517-552-6905 or [johns832@msu.edu](mailto:johns832@msu.edu). 4-H Spartan Coding Camp is offered in collaboration with CodeNow.

## Michigan 4-H’ers pledge their hands to larger service in a time of need

Across the state, county and globe, COVID-19 has upended everyday life in nearly every way. In Michigan, families and communities struggle to adapt to closed schools and businesses while working to preserve their own health, well-being and sense of normalcy. For many Michigan 4-H’ers, lending a helping hand is part of that normal, and many have sprung into action to help their communities during this unprecedented time.



Across the state, 4-H’ers have found many ways to serve their communities while practicing social distancing. Among them were:

- Kalkaska County 4-H member Amy Saxton issued a 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge for other 4-H’ers to join in her Cards for a Cause efforts, encouraging youth to send cards to individuals living in adult foster care homes not able to receive visitors at this time.
- Similarly, 4-H’ers in Lapeer and Schoolcraft counties wrote letters and cards of kindness to residents of local senior centers and nursing homes.
- Alger County 4-H’ers volunteered to shop for seniors who didn’t feel safe traveling to the store to purchase their groceries and other supplies.
- 4-H’ers across the state sewed masks at home to donate to people in need.
- The Sebations, a 4-H family in St. Clair Co., re-purposed a fair billboard thanking essential workers.

“I continue to be impressed by the overwhelming generosity and creativity of our 4-H members, volunteers and staff across the state to continue the 4-H mission,” said Jacob DeDecker, Michigan 4-H state leader. “Our 4-H community remains committed to helping one another.”

**MSU Extension offers at-home hands-on learning for youth**



To support families and caregivers with youth at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, MSU Extension has put together a weekly list of DIY activities and online events. Choose from daily childhood development, career exploration, STEM, healthy living and leadership activities - or choose them all! There’s even two quick resources to support parents and caregivers during these unprecedented times. We hope this helpful resource will provide a weekly dose of fun and learning while staying safe at home.

View the resources at [extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities](http://extension.msu.edu/weeklyactivities).



## 4-H Babysitting Virtual Lunch and Learn

**DATE & TIME:**  
Tuesdays and  
Thursdays  
@ noon  
June 30 to  
July 23, 2020

**LOCATION:**  
Zoom



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### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Youth ages 10-19 who want to learn about caring for children and being a great babysitter.

### DESCRIPTION:

- Learn about the responsibilities of babysitting and becoming a capable, caring, trustworthy and responsible sitter.
- Help develop the confidence needed to handle situations that could happen while caring for children.
- Hear about the business aspects of babysitting.

### REGISTRATION:

Registration is required. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/WexfordVirtualBabysitting/>

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# States' 4-H

## 2020 Summer Pen Pal Program



CONNECT WITH STATES' 4-H YOUTH FROM  
AROUND THE GLOBE THIS SUMMER!

**OUR PEN PAL PROGRAM RUNS  
FROM JUNE - AUGUST 2020!**

### Steps to Participate

#### **Sign up!**

- 1) Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/63RD9DR> and fill in your information.

#### **Match!**

- 2) We will pair you with a same gender, similar aged youth from a country of your preference (if possible).

#### **Connect!**

- 3) Write at least once per month with your match (you should each receive and send at least one message per month).

#### **Make Friends!**

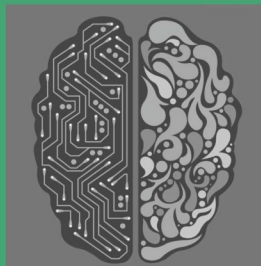
- 4) Pair up with your pen pal and share fun facts about your daily life and culture. Be sure to check out our recommended topic of the month as a starting point for your letters.

#### **Share!**

- 5) Tell us what you've learned about your pen pal at the end of the summer. Send us a short summary introducing your new friend, including photos you may have received!



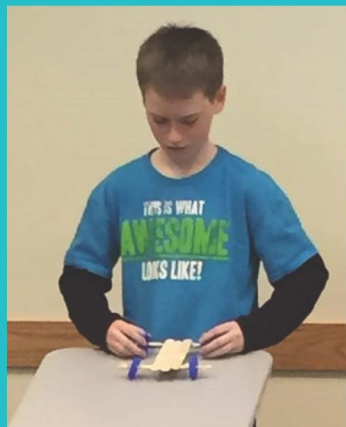
**LET'S MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS  
THIS SUMMER!**



# Junk Drawer Robotics 4-H Virtual Summer Camp



**July 20-23,  
3-4 pm each  
day via zoom  
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\$20 supply  
fee**



**Open to Michigan  
youth ages 8-19**

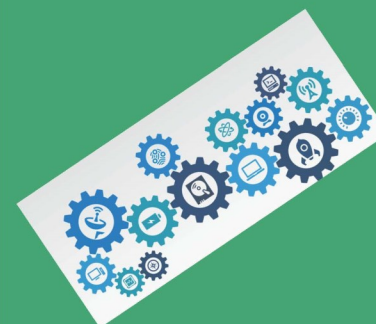
**(inclusive group  
meetings for youth with  
disabilities)**

To Register:

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

Space is limited. Registration closes 7/2/2020.

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# 100% COCOA

Join us for everything chocolate. Explore interesting facts about chocolate from the Mayans to new trends in this delectable treat.

Tuesday's, June 9th - July 7th 7:00 PM

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

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# THE ART AND SCIENCE OF COMMUNICATION

*"How to sell things and influence people"*

June 22nd - June 24th | Daily from 1 - 3 pm

Register at:

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



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