



SEPTEMBER 2022

4-H Family News

ROSCOMMON COUNTY



STARTING THE NEW 4-H PROGRAM YEAR

It is always exciting to enjoy all of our summer programs that we are able to offer. We are a volunteer-based program, so we are genuinely interested in supporting what our local 4-H volunteers are willing to provide along with what our 4-H members want to learn or do. We congratulate 4-H teen volunteer Gabby Gray, who organized the 4-H Glow-In at the South State Park to enjoy the Perseid meteor shower. It was amazing to see about 25 meteors all in the short timeframe of just 5-10 minutes. We appreciated collaborating with the park staff and our local DNR. We had about 50 people show up to stand at the water's edge and enjoy this great light show. Gabby Gray is one of only about 20 people across the state to serve on the 4-H State Youth Leadership Council, and we are very proud of her efforts.

Your 4-H Council has successfully hosted a Teen 4-H Fun Night in collaboration with the Northern Banquet Event Center in Houghton Lake. The teens had a great time that Friday evening. Where else can you go for a taco meal, some fun games, and access to a beautiful gym for just \$5? We are already planning another event for November 18th. Parents can even come and enjoy an evening out at the Fox Den.

Our 4-H Veggie Investigators club has been busy raising their garden produce. They have so much produce that they are selling the extra at the Roscommon Village Market. 4-H Volunteers Linda Barber and Ty Black have been meeting with this group on a weekly basis and these kids have learned a lot of gardening skills along the way. Now they are learning about entrepreneurship, too!

It is that time of year where we begin thinking about what 4-H programs to offer in the new programming year. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer to be a role model for kids, we can help them through our Volunteer Selection Process. Come be a part of our squadron of 4-H volunteers.

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

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4-H MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 12

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nominate an extraordinary 4-H alum today!



**Nomination deadline:
Oct. 1, 2022**

Nominations are now open for the 4-H Emerald Clover Society – Michigan’s 4-H hall of fame! Anyone may nominate an extraordinary Michigan 4-H alum for this recognition.

The 4-H Emerald Clover Society honors Michigan 4-H alumni who have had significant Michigan 4-H involvement as a youth and who have made significant contributions to their local, state and national communities.

Nominees must be living and must have been a Michigan 4-H member for three or more years.

For details and the online nomination form, visit <http://mi4hfdtn.org/4-h-emerald-awards/4-h-emerald-clover-society/>

September 7 : Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, MSU Campus, East Lansing , MI

Join MSU Extension for the fifth annual Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception. If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by the grassy area north of the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner! Members of the MSU Extension staff will be on site to interact with 4-H alums and free pizza and pop will be provided. Come to meet fellow 4-H'ers, network with staff and students and have fun.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception>

October 1-6 : National 4-H Dairy Conference

Madison, Wisconsin

World Dairy Expo is the place where the dairy industry meets. Much in the same vein, the National 4-H Dairy Conference is the place where leading dairy youth from across North America can come to interact with one another and build industry bridges that will last well into the future.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/national-4-h-dairy-conference>

October 5-16 : Fall TSC Paper Clover Promotion

Various Locations

Support 4-H youth from Oct. 5-16, 2022 by purchasing a paper clover both online or in Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) stores for just \$1!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign>

October 7 : Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past year. Agenda items include: 2022 president’s report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>





STATEWIDE 4-H NEWS

National 4-H Week: October 2-8, 2022

For over 100 years, 4-H has inspired families, shaped careers, and impacted communities. From October 2-8, we will celebrate the impact of 4-H during National 4-H Week. Here are some ways you can celebrate 4-H!

Wear Your 4-H Gear — Nothing says 4-H pride like a 4-H tee! Dress yourself (or the entire family – pets included!) in 4-H green and clover gear.

Shout-Out a 4-H'er — Recognize the hard work and dedication of 4-H'ers by shouting out one youth or an entire club on social media, in a local newspaper or other media.

Storefront Displays/Information Booths — In some communities, you can ask local businesses to display 4-H posters, flyers, showcase the work of 4-H'ers, or host a table to share information about your local 4-H program. Stores may also be willing to dedicate their entire storefront to 4-H signs, memorabilia, and décor for the week.

Become a 4-H Volunteer — If you are a 4-H alum, you might be looking for ways to reconnect with 4-H. Consider giving your time to a local 4-H club by becoming a volunteer.

Share Your 4-H Story — Take to social media to [share a 4-H memory](#), express how 4-H shaped who you are today, describe what 4-H means to you, post an old 4-H photo, or shout-out your 4-H club.

Have a 4-H Reunion — [4-H alumni](#) often credit 4-H for the connections they've made, remembering the friends they made and those who they may still keep in touch with today. Gather your old 4-H friends and spend some time together reminiscing on your 4-H experience or recreate a 4-H project together!

Send a 4-H 'Thank You' — We all have a reason to thank our local 4-H staff, leaders and supporters. To show your appreciation, send a handwritten 'thank you' note to someone who has supported youth and made a difference.

Give Back — Local programs are always looking for resources to continue growing 4-H for the future. Help programs thrive by [making a donation](#) that can help support your county 4-H program.

Adapted from: <https://4-h.org/about/blog/10-ways-to-celebrate-national-4-h-week/>



Tips for a successful 4-H club

4-H is a learn-by-doing, educational, fun program for young people ages five to nineteen. Through involvement with caring adult volunteers, 4-H members gain meaningful experiences that contribute to their development and personal growth. The value of the experiences depends largely on the relationship built between and among the members and adults. Active participation in a 4-H club supports young people to develop life skills and assets.

A model 4-H club includes the following:

- At least five youth members from two or more families.
- One or more registered adult volunteers (who has completed the Volunteer Selection Process and became a Gold Status Volunteer).
- Decision making and operation of the club is the members' primary responsibility.
- Six or more club meetings during the 4-H year (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31).
- Participation in learning experiences outside the local club
- Involvement in the community at large with service-learning activities.
- Evaluation and recognition of progress on individual and group goals.
- Fundraising should be done for the good of the total group and must be consistent with the Michigan 4-H Treasurer's Record Book; raising funds should not be the main focus of group activities.

Adapted from: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/tips_for_a_successful_4-h_club_part_2.

Family Engineering Educator Training

If you want to increase interest in STEM & Engineering in your school/community, conduct a Family Engineering event!

Family Engineering introduces K-8 children and their parents to fun engineering activities that they can do together as they explore future careers. Participating in this three-hour Family Engineering Training will prepare participants to host Family Engineering events in K-8 schools and community settings. Workshops are open to MiSTEM, formal and informal STEM educators, MSU Extension staff, 4-H volunteers, church youth leaders, and all who want to engage families in STEM.

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 (4:00 pm – 7:30 pm)

Location: COOR ISD, 11051 North Cut River Road, Roscommon (4 miles west of the Village of Roscommon)

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3AFC2me>

Registration Deadline: Friday, October 7, 2022

There is no cost to attend this training and multiple people from the same institution or family may attend. Due to the significant amount of materials assembly, there will be a \$75 no-show fee for those who fail to cancel within 48 hours of the training.



As a Workshop Participant, You Will:

- Receive a FREE *Family Engineering Activity & Event Planning Guide*
- Each school or nonformal education entity will receive a FREE starter kit.
 - 10 Openers
 - 5 Challenges
 - Icebreakers

Note: the value of this kit is over \$500

Family Engineering Training Workshops are a collaboration between Michigan Technological University, MSU Extension/4-H & MiSTEM Network, with the goal of increasing STEM literacy across Michigan. Family Engineering events are an opportunity for schools and communities to explore engineering –a key part of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).



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HERE IS SOME OF THE GOOD STUFF 4-H OFFERS! CLICK ON IMAGE FOR DETAILS.

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BECOME A 4-H COMMUNITY HEALTH AMBASSADOR

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR COMMUNITY A HEALTHIER PLACE FOR ALL?

Michigan State University Extension is launching an innovative new **youth ambassador program** for teens. The ambassador program will provide youth a platform to have their voices heard, build leadership skills, educate their peers, and engage in conversations about health and wellness. The program will culminate in the **development of a youth-lead state-wide public health education campaign** with a focus on vaccine preventable infectious diseases.

The skills you'll learn

- Visual & written communication
- Research
- Public speaking
- Video, media & tech

The career paths

- Science & medicine
- Influencer
- Communications
- Media

To get involved contact: Alyssa Picone (piconeal@msu.edu)

Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/vaccineeducation

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WWW.CANR.MSU.EDU/4H/EVENTS

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

November 25-29, 2022

Contact your local MSU Extension Office to apply
www.canr.msu.edu/national_4_h_congress/

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Sept. 7
5:30 - 7 p.m.

North lawn outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture



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4-H POLLINATORS

FREE Grades Pre-K - 10



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

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

Photo by Leonardo Jarro from Pexels

Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Save the Date!!
November 11-13 2022

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center in Roscommon



LOCAL PROGRAM!

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MI DIARIES YOUTH INTERN POSITION



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ARE YOU A STUDENT AT A MIDDLE
SCHOOL OR HIGH SCHOOL IN
MICHIGAN, AGE 13 OR OVER? ARE
YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING
WHAT SOCIOLINGUISTIC
RESEARCH IS LIKE?

BECOME A YOUTH INTERN WITH
THE MI DIARIES PROJECT FOR THE
FALL SEMESTER!



WHAT YOUTH INTERNS DO:

Youth interns come to our **weekly 1-hour online meetings**, which are attended by the entire team of undergraduate and graduate students. At meetings, we **hear updates on the project**. We also break into smaller groups to **brainstorm new prompts to send to diarists!**

To apply, you and a parent should email Dr. Wagner (wagnersu@msu.edu) and let us know why you're interested in joining!

