



St. Clair County 4-H News & Events

St. Clair County 4-H Staff

From Lori Warchuck's Desk

It's officially the 2020-2021 4-H program year – which means it's time to re-enroll in Michigan 4-H!

Thank you to all the youth and volunteers that tackled the new 4HOnline system and accomplished their re-enrollment for the new 4-H program year. We still have work to do to accomplish 100 % of our re-enrollment goal. We still have many members and volunteers that still need to accomplish this task in the 4HOnline system.

Please log into the 4HOnline system and update your profile at v2.4honline.com

As a reminder, there will be no participation fees collected for the current program year so there is no cost to re-enroll.

4-H Volunteers you should have received a letter from the office with re-enrollment instructions. If you are having difficulty with the volunteer management systems please feel free to reach out to the office for help. 810-989-6935

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NOTE: Most of our MSU Extension staff are working remotely. If you leave a message on the voicemail we can return the call from off site. Thank you for your patience in continuing to let us serve you over the phone and via the internet. If you have to drop something off the drop box is still available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

4-H Virtual Winter Achievement

YES we will have Winter Achievement, and won't have to cancel due to another weather event like last year, because we are ONLINE. Many of your favorite project areas have been simplified for this new virtual event. So get your creative juices flowing and show us your hard work. It's a great time to work on your Animal Science project (can fulfill fair requirements for horse and dog projects), photography, food preparation and clover sprouts too. Entries DUE THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

Virtual judging will take place on Saturday, January 16. Virtual Award ceremony will take place on Saturday, January 23rd at 2 pm MARK YOUR CALENDARS, so you can zoom in and cheer on the exhibitors! When registration opens all 4-H members will receive an email and notification will be posted on Facebook. Exhibitors must be current club members in St. Clair County.

New cash awards have been added.

- 1st place = Top Exhibitor—\$100
- 2nd - 3rd place =\$25
- 4th - 6th = \$15
- 7th –10th = \$10

Catalog with all the details available on the MSU Extension web site at msue.stclaircounty.org

2021 Virtual 4-H Council Auction February 22-27 2021

St. Clair County 4-H Council is excited to announce the 2021 Virtual 4-H Council Auction. This auction certainly will look vastly different and have a few new twists that we hope will encourage 4-H clubs to participate.

4-H Clubs are limited to 2 awesome auction items/lots.

4-H Club participating will receive 50% of the winning auction bid with the other 50% being donated to a local food pantry or bank (name of recipient to be announce)

Items can be safely (no contact) drop off at the MSUE office (items can be left just outside the door, smaller items can be place in the drop slot) 4-H staff will secure items in the office after drop off.

Item and photos of food items need to be **submitted by February 8th** to be included in the virtual auction. Item tags are available on the MSUE web site.

If you plan to donate a food item, photos of item or recipe submitted to warchuc1@msu.edu

Bidding will begin the week of February 22nd with the bids ending on Saturday, February 27th. More details about bidding coming soon.

This county wide fund raiser/community service project is a great way to connect with club members during our no face to face programing restriction. All clubs are highly encouraged to participate. Questions contact Lori Warchuck at 810-989-6935

LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2021

- Jan 11 Fair Board meeting
- Jan 14 Winter Achievement registration deadline
- Jan 16 Winter Achievement zoom judging
- Jan 18 4-H Council Meeting
- Jan 23 Virtual 4-H Winter Achievement Awards presentation
- Jan 30 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Beef Weigh In, 8 am at Goodells Co. Park
- Feb 1 Fair Book cover design due
- Feb 18 AUCTION ITEMS DUE TO THE MSU EXTENSION OFFICE
- Feb 27 4-H Council Virtual Auction
- June 26 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Shooting Sports Tournament, Blue Water Sportsman's Club
- June 27 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Archery Tournament, Goodells County Park

Check out the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page for more information and activities <https://m.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty> and <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events> and <https://msue.stclaircounty.org> or call (810) 989-6935

LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM NOTES:

2021 Michigan 4-H State Award Changes

Are you planning to apply for a 2021 Michigan 4-H State Award or submit a Mark of Excellence essay? The timeline for these exciting programs has changed!

The deadline to submit applications or essays is now April 1, 2021. Applications will again be submitted with the MSU Extension events management system.

Additional information regarding the awards program will be forthcoming. Learn more and apply at: extension.msu.edu/4H/StateAwards.

4-H State Award

The Michigan 4-H State Awards application deadline is April 1, 2021. A 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member. 4-H State Award winners become part of an elite group of 4-H youth who have demonstrated the highest level of excellence in learning, leadership, and service.

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program provides 4-H members a learning experience where they can develop career skills by using their 4-H experiences to compile a portfolio similar to a professional application while receiving recognition for their 4-H involvement. The application process will help youth build their skills in communication, literacy, record keeping, and marketable skills. The application will require youth to reflect on their past 4-H experiences and provide thoughtful responses.

4-H State Awards recognize youth for their engagement and learning in the 4-H program, focusing on the skills they have gained. Once completed, a 4-H State Awards portfolio may be a useful tool that can be referenced when completing future job, college, or scholarship applications.

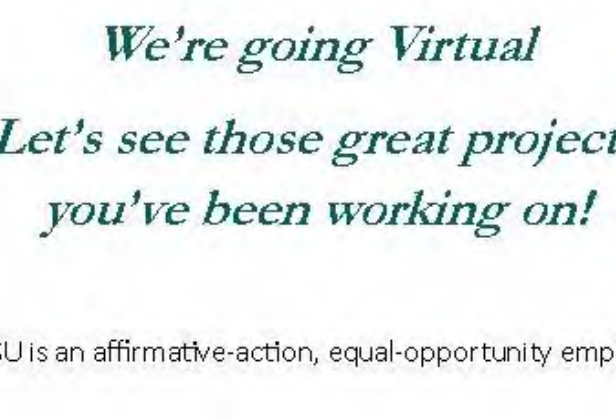


4-H WINTER ACHIEVEMENT

DATES:
Pre-register by **January 14th**
Zoom interview
Judging January 16th
Awards Presented January 23, 2021

Contact: Lori Warchuck at (810) 989-6935

Register at <http://stclaircounty.org/Offices/msue/4H/WinterAch.aspx>



NO SNOW STORM WILL STOP US THIS YEAR!

We're going Virtual

Let's see those great projects you've been working on!

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

4-H Events and Workshops

January 7: Cloverbud Social Emotional Wellness Kit Statewide

Complete activities together with your child to help them explore their emotions. Supplies for activities are included in the kit and can be shipped directly to your home.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-social-emotional-wellness-kit>

January 12: Wild and Crazy Careers 4-H SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar
In this six-week series, youth will hear from people who have turned their hobbies and passions into their dream job. Hear from wildland firefighters, wildlife documentary creators, zookeepers, mountaineers and more!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-and-crazy-careers-4-h-spin-club>

January 14: Adulting 101 - International Conversations

Zoom Webinar
The Adulting 101 series helps high school youth prepare for life on their own. This session will explore cultural values from around the world. Additional sessions will be held on the next two Thursdays and cover goal setting and food safety, respectively.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulting-101-winter-series-jan-14>

January 21: Success and Safety on Volunteer-led Virtual Programs

Zoom Webinar
In this workshop, participants will learn about best practices and strategies to use when programming virtually with youth and adults.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/success-and-safety-in-virtual-volunteer-led-programs-1>

January 26: Success and Safety on Volunteer-led Virtual Programs

Zoom Webinar
In this workshop, participants will learn about best practices and strategies to use when programming virtually with youth and adults.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/success-and-safety-in-virtual-volunteer-led-programs-2>

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

4-H Ninja Training SPIN Club

Ever wonder what it takes to be a ninja like you see on TV? Besides being physically active and in shape, what other things help them to be successful?

Michigan 4-H will be hosting a new and fun SPIN club opportunity for youth to learn what it takes to become a ninja. Throughout the six-week series, different topics will be explored to help youth learn how to be active and strive to be healthy.

This series will run each Wednesday from February 10—March 17. Topics covered will include:

- **Goal setting.** Uncover your physical fitness goals and how you can accomplish them.
- **Strength.** Ninjas have to have both physical and mental strength. Explore ways to improve your strength.
- **Physical activity.** Learn exercise practices that can help you move and gain flexibility.
- **Good nutrition.** Ninjas must eat right to perform at their best. Discover what does good nutrition look like.
- **Balance.** Balance is fundamental in ninja training. Learn ways to build balance into everyday routines.
- **Mindfulness (patience and focus).** Learn strategies that build patience and focus during your ninja training.

Youth that complete the SPIN club will have the opportunity to hear directly from a real-life ninja: 2020 American Ninja Warrior winner Daniel Gil. He will speak to Michigan 4-H youth and friends on Wednesday, March 24. To register for the club, visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ninja-warrior-spin-club.

Resolve to have a great 4-H year

Christine Heverly, MSU Extension. Adapted from an article originally published by Sandy Risedorph.

As we begin 2021, here are ten suggestions to make the upcoming year a successful one. Resolve that:

1. Club meetings will start and end on time.
2. Business meetings will follow Roberts Rules of Order. All club paperwork such as minutes, club inventory and financial statements will be completed in a timely manner.
3. All members will take part in discussions and have a say in decisions that are made. Keep a chart with each members' name and when they speak at business meetings.
4. The club meeting will be safe, comfortable and welcoming.
5. Fun will be included in each meeting.
6. The club will pursue at least one community service project chosen, planned and celebrated by the club.
7. New members will have a buddy they may talk with about any 4-H questions.
8. The 4-H Pledge will be said at every meeting.
9. Every club member will be recognized in some way to let them know they are cared about.
10. The club will review club resolutions and Guiding Principles at least once year.