



Benzie County

4-H Family News

April 2021

4-H in Spring

Happy Spring Benzie County! I hope that you are all enjoying the spots of beautiful weather we have been enjoying. As we move into warmer temperatures, questions surrounding the return to face-to-face programming continue. I want to give you all as much of an update as I can at this time.

Michigan State University Extension has published a website where the most up to date information is all in one convenient location on page 4 of this newsletter. Keep this site handy, check it regularly, and if there are any question please feel free to reach out! In the meantime if any of our local virtual clinic can be transitioned to in-person or hybridized, we will do what we can to make it happen.

There are many upcoming Scholarship opportunities and SPIN Clubs to participate in! Make sure you are active in 4-H Online to take full advantage of programs on pg. 2 & 3! If you're looking for what this PC recommends, the Market Livestock financial Clubs, our upcoming Modern Marketing Clinic for Benzie and Manistee, and Inked! A Global/Cultural History of Tattoos all look exceptionally interesting to me personally. However, all the virtual programming I have attended or be a part of has been phenomenal!

Best,

Ali Olson

4-H Program Coordinator

Upcoming Important Dates for Benzie County

- › April 1: Steer Show & Market Registration Due if participating in Manistee County Fair! Now a convenient Google Form: <https://forms.gle/s66PtfQWuvLtDQWw5>
 - › April 15: Livestock participants for Manistee County Fair MUST be in 4-H Online!
 - › April 21: MI Ag Ideas to Grow Scholarship Due
 - › April 23: Modern Marketing Clinic & Kit for Beginners
 - › April 24: Modern Marketing Clinic & Kit for Juniors & Seniors
- Register for this virtual clinic here by April 12: <https://forms.gle/Pg5QgKaXN3bigWVC6>
- › April 30: Benzie 4-H Senior Scholarship Application Due!
 - › May 15: Johnson Foundation Scholarship Application Due!

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JOANN Fabrics and 4-H are teaming up to create #Opportunity4All kids to create, make and learn through hands-on experiences. You can help inspire a child's creativity by donating \$1 or \$4 at checkout when you visit JOANN in-store or online through April 30. Learn more: <http://bit.ly/3iAa7td>.

During this time frame, there may also be special discounts for JOANN 4-H Rewards Card members. If you have not yet obtained yours, sign-up today for your JOANN 4-H Rewards Card. Eligibility is open to the broad 4-H community (parents, volunteers, staff, alumni). The rewards card offers 15% off every purchase and JOANN will donate 2.5% of sales from the JOANN 4-H Rewards Card and \$0.50 for every yard purchased of custom 4-H fabric back to National 4-H Council. Learn more at www.joann.com/4-h/.

4-H Events and Workshops

April 5: The Importance of Saving and Investing: Livestock Edition

Zoom Webinar

This workshop for 15-19-year-olds. The one hour zoom session at 7:30 on April 5th will focus on the end of a market livestock project--the check you get after auction--and what saving and investing options are available. Short, medium, and long-term investment options will be discussed, as well as planning ahead, investment alternatives, and more. The session will be hosted by Kalkaska County 4-H and Beth Martínéz, MSU Extension Educator. Registration is now open! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/Investing2021/>

April 5—21: 4-H Kami Ori Origami Series

Zoom Webinar

Join each Monday and Wednesday for three weeks to explore the art and culture of origami. Each meeting will complete a new origami project.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-kami-ori-origami-series>

April 10-11: 4-H Coding Weekend Workshop—An Intro to Coding

Zoom Webinar

Discover your passion for technology and gain valuable coding experience and skills. Part 1 of this two weekend workshop will help youth in grades 9-12 discover their passion for technology. The second part of the workshop will be held May 22 and 23.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-coding-weekend-workshop>

April 12 - 16: 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

Join the 4-H Dance Party SPIN Club! Explore computer coding by programming your own dance party! This is an introduction to computer coding. Participants will need internet access .

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-dance-party-spin-club>

April 13: Wild Spartans Series – Researching Wildfire

Zoom Webinar

Delve into the cutting edge world of wildfire research to discover the role technology plays in studying the impacts to flora and fauna of boreal and arctic regions. Hear from a wildfire scientist about researching the behavior and impacts of wildfire in remote areas.

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

April 14: Inked—The Science and Global History of Tattoos SPIN Club

Zoom Webinar

This six-week virtual SPIN club will meet Wednesdays through May 19 as they research different aspects of tattoos, cultures and art. Youth will engage in at-home hands on science experiments and design their own tattoo.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/inked-the-science-and-global-history-of-tattoos>

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STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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April 20: 4-H Market Livestock Through a Business Lens

Zoom Webinar

A one-hour online workshop for youth ages 8-19 that will help youth look at their 4-H livestock project as a business. Topics covered during this interactive session will include a business concept, risk management, the cost of doing business, and more! This workshop will be held April 20th at 7:30 pm and will be hosted by Kalkaska County 4-H and Beth Martínéz, MSU Extension Educator. Registration is now open! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MoneySmart2021/>

April 23: MSU Tollgate Farm Virtual Sustainable Stewards Series

Zoom Webinar

Explore how you can be a sustainability steward with your peers and community partners. Hear from teen leaders and Friends of the Rouge staff and volunteers as they explore issues facing their local watershed and the work of restoring, protecting and enhancing the Rouge River Watershed. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-virtual-sustainable-stewards-series-april-23>

April 28-May 10: Spring TSC Paper Clover Campaign

Your local Tractor Supply

Support 4-H youth from April 28- May 10 by purchasing a paper clover both [online or in Tractor Supply Co. \(TSC\) stores](#) for just \$1!

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

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Approved 4-H Activities in 2021

MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H professionals are working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming when it is safe to do so during the current public health crisis. Though it is premature to cite a specific date, no one is more eager than our own staff to resume events, club meetings, competitions, and fairs. Using guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the university, as well as the most current science available, we will modify all MSU Extension programming to adhere to public health standards at the federal, state, and local levels.

MSU Extension professionals have been thoughtfully creating guidelines that allow Michigan 4-H volunteers and members to conduct limited business while protecting public health. This information helps create a path forward with the **eventual goal** of in-person programming. To help inform volunteers and 4-H families of the most current guidelines, Michigan 4-H launched the Approved 4-H Activities in 2021 webpage. This website will be updated every two weeks or as soon as new information becomes available.

It is imperative that volunteers and 4-H'ers alike adhere to the current guidelines so we can continue to focus on community standards for eventual in-person events and programs. To view the current listing of approved activities, visit extension.msu.edu/approved4Hactivities. If you have any questions, please contact your [local 4-H program coordinator](#).

Michigan 4-H Presents April Money Management Contests!

Join Michigan 4-H for a series of fun contests and workshops leading up to National Financial Literacy Month in April and Michigan Money Smart Week, April 10-17. Expand your knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes in money management challenges. For more details visit www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts.



Cash Composition Contest (9-13 years old)

Youth residing in Michigan, **age 9-13** have a chance to win up to \$400 (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529) by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on saving and investing. Five finalists will be interviewed for final placing and the winners will be named this year's Michigan Money Smart Ambassadors, with opportunities to share their financial knowledge and develop additional leadership skills. Contest registration and essay submission must be complete by April 5. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/money-smart-kids-contest.

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (14-19 years old)

Michigan youth **age 14-19** will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April for a chance to win \$250 cash (or \$1,000 total contribution to MESP and/or MET 529). High scoring youth will be entered into a cash prize drawing and can become a Money Smart Youth Ambassador, leading to opportunities to share their financial knowledge and enhance their leadership skills. Contest registration must be complete by April 23. Learn more at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

Avoiding Money Mishaps: Webinars for Youth

Find out ways to avoid financial scams in just one hour in these youth specific webinars! Learn common financial pitfalls that people fall into and strategies to prevent them from occurring, how to identify signs of common scams and fraud and learn how to take preventative steps to protect from being victims of scams and fraud. Events will take place on April 1 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m., April 13 at 5 p.m., April 21 at 6 p.m. and April 29 at 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required; additional information at www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest.

April is Month of the Military Child!



Join Michigan 4-H in celebrating military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by taking part in the 4-H GooseChase Challenge this April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids across Michigan.

New missions will be released weekly in April, for a chance to win prizes. Any youth ages 13-19 can download the GooseChase app to participate. Youth younger than 13 can partner with an older sibling or parent/guardian to play.

For more information and to register visit www.canr.msu.edu/events/momcgoose.