



Benzie County

4-H Family News

June 2021

Jumping into June

We've been busy here in Benzie County 4-H in the past months with the reopening of Michigan 4-H and getting our Volunteers and Club Leaders up to speed to start requesting in-person 4-H events. Now is the time to start thinking about new and exciting opportunities you would like to see in your local 4-H program!

Our next in-person Staff event will be a Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic on June 26! Come dust off your Showmanship Skills and learn from the Judge who will be at the 2021 Manistee Co. Fair! If you want to attend but are new to 4-H or do not have a rabbit of your own, please reach out to me and we will do our best to make accommodations for you. This will be an outdoor event and registration is open now via Google Forms: <https://forms.gle/quvCXPIVFya5Jj327>. Registration for this clinic closes at 5:00 PM on June 19th and is free for youth to attend.

I want to thank you all, youth, families, and Volunteers for your time and patience with us through the last year and the on-going changes. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

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Upcoming Deadlines

› **June 18, 2021: Show & Market Registration and Buyer Slips Due** for those who are participating at Manistee Co. Fair

If you do not turn in your Show & Market Registration and Buyer Slips by the deadline you WILL NOT SELL in 2021. Our processors have graciously held our spots for the 2021 Fair and are booked before and after us with other Fairs and private processing. Please respect their dedication to our 4-H program and have your forms in on time!

› **June 26, 2021: Rabbit & Cavy Showmanship Clinic**

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/quvCXPIVFya5Jj327> Registration Closes June 19.

**Capture What's
Great in the
Midwest States 4-H
Photography
Challenge**



Minnesota 4-H is excited to offer another photography challenge to Midwest youth in grades K-13. In this challenge, youth are encouraged to highlight something that stands out about their town, county, state or travels to another Midwest state. There are a lot of hidden gems around the Midwest so get out and capture them!

Submitted photos will be displayed in a slideshow. Volunteer photography judges will provide feedback and recognize the top quality images. All participants will have their names entered in a random drawing for prizes.

Youth can submit up to three (3) images by 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021. Find more information at z.umn.edu/midwest-states-photo-challenge.

4-H Events and Workshops

June 5, 12 and 19: 4-H League of Clovers—Magic Gathering Tournament

Online

The Mason County 4-H League of Clovers Gaming Society is hosting a virtual Magic: The Gathering multi-day event. Participants will meet via Zoom each of the three days to test their mettle against other players. Register by June 2.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-league-of-clovers-live-magic-the-gathering

June 12—13: 4-H Youth Virtual Fishing Derby

Online

Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a statewide virtual fishing derby during Free Fishing Weekend. Youth ages 5-19 will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the Goosechase app to earn prizes.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby

June 12: MSU Tollgate Farm Homegrown Gardening

Online

Are you interested in starting a vegetable garden for the first time or are you an experienced veggie gardener looking to explore new ideas? All levels of experience are welcome at this new online series! This session will focus on taking growing to new heights.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-tollgate-farm-homegrown-gardening-series-2021-june-12

June 21: Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest

Online

The 2021 Michigan 4-H and FFA Virtual Livestock Judging Contest is designed to help contestants enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision making skills.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2021-michigan-4-h-and-ffa-virtual-livestock-judging-contest

June 30: 4-H in the Kitchen Live! Jalapeno Cheese Dip

Online

In this 4-H in the Kitchen adventure, learn how to make a special jalapeno cheese dip that is very popular around the MSU campus. Attendees will also learn about the science behind jalapenos.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-in-the-kitchen-live-jalapeno-cheese-dip

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

MSU Extension resumes limited 4-H face-to-face programming

Over the past several months, MSU Extension has been working diligently to chart a path toward resuming in-person programming during the current public health crisis. Thanks to the thoughtfully crafted guidelines created by MSU Extension professionals, we are excited to share that MSU Extension will resume hosting face-to-face programs and events that adhere to public health guidelines.

As of May 17, Michigan 4-H professionals and volunteers may submit a request to host an in-person event that follows specific guidelines and requirements. The health and safety of program participants and volunteers, as well as their families and our staff, remains the top priority. All guidelines outlined by MSU Extension are based on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) (MDHHS), and the [MSU Community Compact](#) and *must be followed closely*.

As we begin expanding our in-person offerings, communication, transparency and collaboration are essential for the safety and well-being of all parties. MSU Extension expectations regarding programming and events will remain fluid and subject to change at any time based on evolving guidance from the CDC, MDHHS and the MSU Community Compact. Groups should continue to provide options (including virtual) for participation to ensure all participants can remain involved given their individual circumstances.

To learn more about face-to-face program requirements and how to submit your request, please visit the Approved Activities for MSU Extension Volunteers in 2021 website at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities.

It has been many months since the COVID-19 pandemic landed at our doorsteps. We appreciate the resiliency and commitment that our 4-H'ers have shown during this time. We have witnessed countless examples of 4-H youth and volunteers stepping up and helping their communities, their neighbors, and families. This exemplifies the spirit of the 4-H pledge. While we were glad to continue learning and growing with you virtually through this time, we are truly grateful for the opportunity to reengage in more in-person programming while continuing to protect one another and the public health.

Join the 4-H Summer of Service and dare to serve in your community!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This summer, you're invited to join Michigan 4-H and Learning to Give for the #4HDARETOSERVE project and the 4-H Summer of Service. 4-H DARES you to give back to your community and unite with other 4-H'ers to make a collective impact.

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more! Through the partnership with Learning to Give, youth can gain access to all the tools needed for simple, safe service. Find a project that fits your desire to serve.

The summer of service runs through August 30 and Michigan 4-H hopes to obtain 100% participation from all 83 counties. Learn more and register your project at https://www.canr.msu.edu/community_service_learning/dare-to-serve-challenge.

Join the Virtual Fishing Derby!



It's time to go Fishin' in Michigan! Michigan 4-H is proud to partner with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to offer A FREE a statewide virtual fishing derby on [Free Fishing Weekend](#), June 12-13. Youth ages 5-19 are encouraged to share their fish stories with youth across the state!

Fishing derbies are a great way to build angling skills, increase confidence, learn angler ethics, and have fun! Youth do not need to be 4-H members to participate.

During the fishing derby, youth will complete virtual fishing challenges and submit entries through the Goosechase app, with points awarded for each mission that is completed. Top participants will be eligible for prizes or certificates.

Learn more and register for the derby at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-youth-virtual-fishing-derby>.