



St. Clair County

## 4-H Family News

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## St. Clair County 4-H News &amp; Events

## St. Clair County 4-H Staff

## From Lori Warchuck's Desk

The 4-H Program remains in a no face to face programming status due to COVID. There have been some updates to certain business activities that need to be done check out the link below for updates. Plus more at the end of the newsletter.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/approved-4-h-activities-in-2021>

If you are looking for ways to keep your club connected check out the link below for tips for virtual 4-H Club meetings.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/host-a-virtual-4-h-meeting>

Other news:

I am excited to announce that the St. Clair County 4-H Leaders Council met in March via zoom and decided that the service portion that equals 50% of the Council Auction proceeds would be split and donated to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan and Kids in Distress of St. Clair County. Each group will receive \$889.25. Each of the clubs that participated will also receive 50% of the total that their baskets brought in. Thank you for your support in this very unique year.

Don't forget to watch for the next free 4-H Activity Kit that will be posted soon. This activity will be Inertia Science followed by Buzzing Honey BeeBots. Both free kits will contain everything you will need to participate in the experiments or activities. Participants that share a photo of their experiment/activity will be eligible for a door prize. Registration will be limited so watch for the registration information.

Check out the latest news on the St. Clair County 4-H Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/4Hstclaircounty>

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## Earth Fair Scavenger Hunt

The 4-H program is collaborating with the St. Clair County Earth Fair. The Earth Fair will be sponsoring many challenges throughout the month of April. Watch for announcements on other activities.

Scavenger Hunt starts April 1, 2021 and ends on April 30, 2021. Feel free to complete it anytime during the month.

For children at least 5 years old as of January 1, 2021. You will need to enroll at least one of your children in the St. Clair County's 4-H program at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com) or you can register all of them because it is FREE this year, remember to select Earth Fair Scavenger Hunt under the club heading. If you are already a 4-H member just add Earth Fair Scavenger Club to your profile. Please don't create a new profile.

Come join a fun interactive scavenger hunt for the whole family at the Goodells County Park. Once enrolled, participants will receive detailed instructions and a code for the GooseChase app. Your children are also allowed to utilize any other programs that are being offered through the 4-H program. This activity is for the whole family and a great way to get outside and participate in activities learning about one of the great parks in St. Clair County. If any questions, please feel free to contact us at (810) 989-6935.

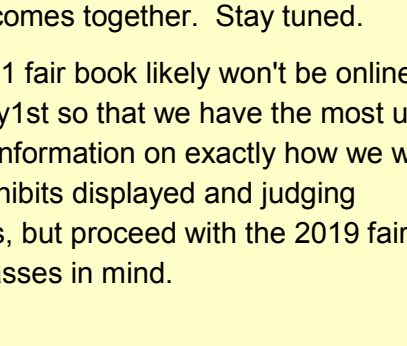
## LOCAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 2021**
- April 1 Earth Fair GooseChase Challenge
  - April 1 Month of the Military Child GooseChase Challenge
  - April 7 Virtual Embryology (live streaming, more information coming soon)
  - April 5 Inertia Science Challenge Kit Registration Opens
  - April 12 Thumb Area 4-H Camp Counselor Virtual Round Up
  - May 1 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair Discovery Days (weigh in Goodells)
  - 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
  - July 19-24 St. Clair County 4-H & Youth Fair
  - Aug 14 4-H Virtual Day Camp (Participants will receive a Day Camp Kit in a take along box)

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

## 4-H Fair Updates

The SCC 4-H & Youth Fair Board is working hard planning the 2021 4-H & Youth Fair. They are committed to bringing our youth the most robust experience they can under the ever changing COVID requirements. They are dedicated to the youth exhibitors and will be updating status as the 2021 Fair plan comes together. Stay tuned.



## 2021 Poultry Hatch Dates

Turkeys	March 28
Geese	April 11
Ducks	May 23
Chickens	May 30
Heritage Turkeys	Feb 28
Heritage Ducks	April 18
Heritage Chickens	May 7

We will be Fullum testing in 2021.

Turkeys must weigh at least 11 lbs. at fair.

The 2021 fair book likely won't be online until May 1st so that we have the most up to date information on exactly how we will have exhibits displayed and judging specifics, but proceed with the 2019 fair book classes in mind.

## LOCAL 4-H PROGRAM NOTES:

## 4-H Celebrate Military Families in April

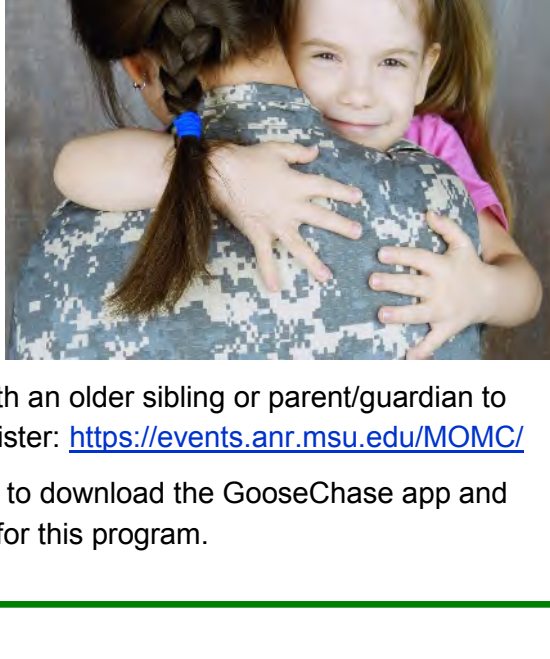
Join Michigan 4-H as we celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child by participating in 4-H GooseChase Challenge during the month of April! Whether you come from a military family or not, this online scavenger hunt will be a fun and exciting way to honor military kids 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: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/MOMC/>

Please note that participants will need to download the GooseChase app and create a username before registering for this program.



## STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

## Support 4-H at JOANNs



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/](http://www.joann.com/4-h/)

## 4-H Events and Workshops

## 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 wildfires 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>

## 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>

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

## 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](http://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](http://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 placement 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest).