# Berrien County MSU Extension Office Upcoming County closed dates:

February 19, 2018 March 30, 2018

The Berrien County MSU Extension Office will open at its regular hours, the next business day. Please, make sure to plan ahead to accommodate the above closures.

The **Mission** of our 4-H Youth Development Program is to provide personal growth opportunities for youth in Berrien County through educational programs and activities which utilize quality volunteers, trained staff, and community partners.

Our **Vision** is to make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

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MSU Extension Office

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http://msue.anr.msu.edu/ county/berrien/ berrien county 4 h

### **Facebook**

Berrien County 4-H Youth Development

Your 4-H Youth Development Staff

Kelly Stelter 4-H Program Coordinator grandtke@anr.msu.edu







# Deadlines Reminder:

Annual Financial Report Forms PAST DUE

**December 1, 2017** 

Re-enrollment PAST DUE

**January 1, 2018** 

New Member/Final Enrollment Deadline

June 1, 2018

If you have missed a deadline, please submit forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

All Leaders must go through the Volunteer Selection Process prior to being approved in 4-H Online.

For questions or issues, please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office.

## 2018 Leaders Council Officers:

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council held their annual officer elections during their January Re-organizational meeting on January 22, 2018. Officers are appointed to serve in their roles for one year. The NEW 2018 Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Officers are:

President: Amanda Pullins of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club Vice President: Tracie Baker of Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club Secretary: Amber Smith of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club

Treasurer: Natasha Hesser of Point of Impact 4-H Club & Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club Foundation Representative: Amanda Pullins of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club

Members of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. executive board also known as the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council include: Emily Melton, Roxy Cochran, Chrissy Bradford, Mark Dinges, Bobbi Lawson, Darlene Mattson (Teen), Reese McKee (Teen) and Sydney Melton (Teen).

# SAVE THE DATE—2018 Spring Achievement

# May 18 & 19, 2018 Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs

Please note, with much consideration Seasonal Expo will revert back to its original name of Spring Achievement. 2018 Spring Achievement will take the place of Seasonal Expo.

Spring Achievement is a 4-H Exhibition where 4-H'ers showcase their project achievements over the last year! The Objectives of Spring Achievement are to:

- Bring the HEAD HEART HANDS & HEALTH of 4-H to life!
- Provide opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate project-learned skills while building their portfolio.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to publicly display their accomplishments.
- Provide 4-H members a supportive evaluation for each of their projects.
- Provide the community an opportunity to see the quality and quantity of work being done by 4-H'ers.
- Attract new members to the Berrien County 4-H Program.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to compete for special recognition of their projects.
- Provide 4-H members, leaders, and parents an opportunity to meet other 4-H families.
- Provide an opportunity to demonstrate 4-H TEAMWORK in the efficient set-up, tear down, and operation of the event .

Take time and talk to your Club & Project Leaders on what projects are eligible.



THE 2018 HANDBOOK and EVALUATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY!



# String Art Workshop

In this fun-filled workshop, participants will create colorful designs by wrapping thread between two points to make custom patterns.

Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018

Time: 2:00—5:00 PM

Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI

Cost: FREE

Who: Open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age
\*\*Cloverbuds (5-8 years) must be accompanied by an Adult or a Teen Leader
that is participating in the project. \*\*

## Register by:

Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 Emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu

Limited number of spots available. Registration has been extended to 20 youth. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis.

# Expressive Arts Workshop

The Expressive Arts Workshop is designed for participants to create various arts & crafts projects. Tentative projects that youth will take part in include:



- ♦ Glass Etching
- ♦ Floral Arrangement
  - ♦ Air Freshener
  - ♦ And more.....

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

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Time: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM

Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI

### Cost: FREE

Who: Open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age

Snacks will be provided, however, participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Registration Deadline March 20, 2018 or when full.

### Register by:

Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu

Registration is limited to 30 youth. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis until full. County-wide
Projects
Coming Soon
in April & May!

Interested in leading a workshop/ activity related to a 4-H project?

Have an idea for upcoming county-wide project?

Contact:

Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at 269-927-5674 ext. 4015 or via email at grandtke@anr. msu.edu



# Volunteer Opportunity Available:

The Berrien County
Youth Fair Dog
Department is looking
for four volunteers to
assist with the
handling, the set up
and the tear down of
the BCYF Traditional
Dog Agility
Competition
equipment on
Wednesday, August
15th, 2018.

You will receive a BCYF day pass for volunteering and Community Service Volunteer Hour Letter for your services.

If interested, please call
Linda ShannonChaillet at
269-934-0462 or
email at
shannollet@sbcglobal.net.



# Club Coordinator/Admin. Leader 4-H Online Training

The Berrien County 4-H will offer two trainings for Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders on 4-H Online. Club Coordinators/Admin. Leaders will learn how to generate reports, approve members, ask questions and gain a better understanding of the 4-H Online enrollment system.

Dates: Monday, April 30, 2018 and Thursday, October 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI

Cost: FREE

Who: Open to 4-H Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders

## Register at:

By Email to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674



Participants are asked to bring their laptops with as well as already have access to their 4-H Online Club section.

Deadline to register for a session is one week before the event. For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

# SAVE THE DATE—2018 Annual Leader Update Training

The Berrien County 4-H Annual Leader Update Training dates have been set. Don't waste time and mark those calendars. Club Coordinators, project, and resource leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. It is important that each 4-H club/group is represented. Volunteers that are working on becoming new club leaders are also welcome. This is a valuable opportunity. Leaders only need to attend one time.

September 17 6:00—8:00 PM

September 20 9:00—11:00 AM

September 20 6:00—8:00 PM



All sessions will be at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Please pick a date and RSVP to Jennifer or Jamie at 269-927-5674 by September 10, 2018 in order to assist us with having enough materials at each session.

For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.



# 4-H Officer Training

Emphasis will be on the treasurer's role and importance of funds management for all officers.

### WHEN:

February 17, 2018 9:30 a.m.—Noon Or

February 22, 2018 6:00—8:30 p.m.

### WHERE:

MSU Extension 1737 Hillandale Road Benton Harbor, MI 49022

# COST:

Free

### TO REGISTER:

Registration by February 12, 2018 is required to prepare for snacks and materials. Use this online link https:// events.anr.msu.edu/ Berrien4hofficertraining2018/ or contact:

Kelly Stelter 4-H Program Coordinator 269-927-5674, x 4015

### SPONSOR:

This training is provided with generous funding from Chemical Bank to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.







### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Young people who are serving as a 4-H officer, especially as treasurer
- Young people who want to be a 4-H treasurer in the future
- 4-H volunteers working with 4-H youth officers

### DESCRIPTION:

This workshop will help participants understand the roles of 4-H officers and benefits of developing useful life skills for their future, including-decisionmaking, communication, responsibility, leadership, attention to detail and record-keeping.

Focus will be on the treasurer's role and the importance of working together as a team. Treasurer responsibilities have become increasingly important. Because 4-H is a public group, a 4-H treasurer's tasks are quite different from those a of a private company's treasurer or an individual. A 4-H group treasurer is responsible to other officers, members, adult volunteers, Michigan State University and to the Public.

Participants will learn about:





- The roles of officers
- Running a meeting; complete with practice!
- Connecting the role of treasurer with other officers, adult 4-H leaders and MSU Extension staff members.
- Money handling expectations including the use of receipts, timely deposits and timely bill payments.
- The importance of budgeting.
- Appropriate use of funds and fund-raising do's and don'ts.
- Check-writing and reconciling accounts.
- Tips for creating treasurer reports and annual financial statements.

\*\*Treasurer's will receive a copy of the recently released Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers.

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# BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB IS OFFERING

# 4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

# For Traditional and Non-Traditional 4-H'ers!

Cost FREE for 4-H'ers.

\$50.00 for non 4-H'ers

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Place: Mutterly Love

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St. Joseph, MI 49085 Phone: 269-983-6946



Registration: A MUST. Please contact Linda Shannon-Chaillet at 269-934-0462 or email at

Dog Tools Needed: Dog (cleaned and groomed), proper length showmanship lead (don't worry if you do not have one in the beginning). poop bags, paper towel, drool towel, dog brush, dog comb, water and dog treats.

## Junior Showmanship Class Dates are:

- Monday, March 5, 2018
- Monday, March 12, 2018
- Monday, March 19, 2018
- Monday, March 26, 2018
- Monday, April 2, 2018

# Junior Showmanship Training Goals -

- Proper Dress for the Show Ring
- 2. Tools of the Trade
- Grooming for your breed
- Proper Gaiting for your breed
- 5. Table Presenting for your breed
- 6. Floor Presenting for your breed
- 7. Judging Procedures
- 8. Standards for your breed





# **BERRIEN COUNTY TACK SWAP**



Saturday - March 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 @ 1:00 - 4:00 PM

# **NEW LOCATION** – Shadow Trailer World Michigan 8716 US 31N, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

Admission - \$1 5 & Under - FREE Dealers are WELCOME

Door Prizes (Must be present)

Early Registration, before February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 -- 1 - 8x10' spot for \$20 OR 2 for \$35 Reserve spots at the door for \$30 each or 2 for \$45

**MUST bring your own Tables, Hanging Racks and CHAIRS** 

Set up opens at 11:30 a.m.

All clean-up and removal of items must be done by 5:00pm!

For more information contact: Pam McCalebb 269-362-3252 or we luv paints@yahoo.com



Mail Registration and Payment to: Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCalebb 114 S. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107

### BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, DAMAGED OR STOLEN ITEMS. NO REFUNDS!



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Please mail in this portion of the Registration Agreement & PAYMENT - by 2/26/18



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Name:	Phone #					
Address:						
	(Street, City, State, Zip)					
E-Mail:						
Number of 8X10' Spots (1—\$20 c	or 2-\$35) <b>Total \$</b>					



**Make Checks Payable to: Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders** 

Mail Registration and Payment to: Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCalebb 114 S. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107



# Save the date for the 4-H Robotics Challenge



On March 10-11, Michigan 4-H members from across the state will gather at the Kettunen Center to participate in the 4-H Robotics Challenge.

Open to youth ages 12-16 as either individuals or a team, the event will include LEGO EV3, Junk Drawer Robotics, and VEX real-time challenges.

Registration for the 4-H Robotics Challenge will by available soon and will be due by Feb. 20.

# 4-H Workshops and Events

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4 h veterinary science teen and adult leaders workshop2

### February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop

Michigan State University, East Lansing

Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h dog project leader and judges workshop 1

## February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4. http://msue.anr.msu.edu

events/4 h beef sheep and swine teen and adult leaders workshop2

# February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Live-stock Project Workshop

Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth

Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/

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### February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training

Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City

This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/

michigan 4 h embryology staff teacher and volunteer training grand traverse

### March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan 4 h dairy conference 2

### March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H Funfest

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge u 4 h funfest

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

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# Capitol Experience registration now available!



All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more. Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through

a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan's Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/</a> and is due by March 16.

# World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology,

WFPMIYI empowers youth and gives them the opportunity to share their innovative ideas to better the world.

potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit <a href="http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi">http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyi</a>.

# Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H'ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit <a href="http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/">http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/</a> youth pork quality assurance program rollover information.

# New social media resource!



In this new Michigan 4-H resource, club leaders can educate youth about the impact media can have on others and themselves. Anything digital can be stores, copied and shared, even if it is only intended to be shared privately.

Teach youth the consequences of their activity online with this new lesson plan that pairs well with other previously created responsible social media usage lessons.

Download your copy at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/resources/4\_h\_responsible\_social\_media\_activity\_online\_consequences.

# **State 4-H Goat Expo**

April 14, 2018

Michigan State University, Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI

### Contests include:

- ♦ Quiz Bowl
- ♦ Breed Judging
- ♦ Skill-A-Thon
- ♦ Illustrated Talk
- ♦ Creative Writing
- ♦ Educational Posters
- ♦ Cookery & Foods
- ♦ Arts & Crafts
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

### Cost:

\$5.00 per participant, \$3 per a contest

## Age Requirement:

All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2018

## To Register visit:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/2018goatexpo/



Please call the Berrien County

MSU Extension Office at

269-927-5674

for Berrien County 4-H Scholarship opportunities for state workshop, programs and events.



# 4-H Teens as Teachers Workshop

March 3-4, 2018 Tamarack Camps, Ortonville, MI for 4-H teens ages 13-19 (4-H age)

4-H teen leaders are being sought to help meet the challenge of educating the next generation of young people!! You will have the opportunity to build your own leadership skills while teaching a fun lesson to other young people on one of these important and timely topics: Ag literacy, Healthy Living or Money Management.

Registration deadline: 2-16-18

https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers18/

\$25

Contact your local MSU Extension office for questions and local scholarship information

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# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4-H TOP	2	3 County Rabbit & Cavy Expo
4	5	6 Horse Leaders Assoc. Meeting	7	8 4-H TOP	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 4-H TOP	16 4-H Beef, Sheep &	17 4-H Officer Training
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18	19 MSUE Office Closed	20	21	22 4-H TOP 4-H Officer	23	24
				Training	4-H Horse Teen & Leader Worksho	
25 String Art Workshop	26 Leaders Council Meeting	27	28			

# **March 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 4-H TOP	2	3 Teens as Teachers workshop
4 Teens as Teachers workshop	5	6 Horse Leaders Assoc. Meeting	7 Exploring Food Security Around the World	8 4-H TOP	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 4-H TOP	16	17 Berrien County Tack Swap
18	19	20	21	22 4-H TOP	23	24 Expressive Arts Project Workshop
25	26 Leaders Council Meeting	27	28 Foundation Meeting	29 4-H TOP—TENT.	30 MSUE Office Closed	31

# REGISTRATION COMING SOON

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4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

JUNE 20-22, 2018

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

# **Come to 4-H Exploration Days!**

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,500 participants from across Michigan.

There's always lots to do and see at 4-H Exploration Days! Have fun, learn new things and make new friends on the beautiful MSU campus! Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions, including:

- Animal Science
- Careers & Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Environmental Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Visual & Performing Arts & more!

### Come join the fun!

4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your local MSU Extension office by April 27, 2018. Ask your local MSU Extension office for a copy of the registration book, or get it from our website at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4\_h\_exploration\_days

### **Entertainment**

An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the world class Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!

















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