



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

**4-H Family News**

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Berrien County MSU Extension Office

County Closed Dates:

**Monday, February 18**

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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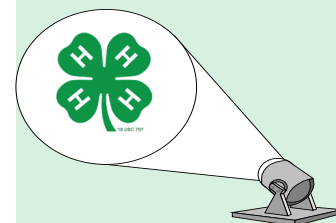
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**SAVE THE DATE!**

2019 Spring  
Achievement  
dates have been  
set!

Mark your  
calendars now  
and start planning  
out your next  
projects.

Friday, May 17  
& Saturday, May  
18

Early Evaluation  
will be offered—  
date is TBD

Look for more  
information to  
follow.

Don't wait. Talk to  
your Club  
Coordinator &  
Project Leaders  
about what  
projects qualify!

### ***Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc Annual Meeting Save the Date***

This is the one meeting of the Leaders Council each year that is open to all adult and teen 4-H Leaders. We encourage you to take this opportunity to see the Leaders Council in action and be updated on the 4-H Youth Program.

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

Who: 4-H Leaders, Club Coordinators, Resource Volunteers and Teen Leaders

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### ***Berrien County 4-H Annual Leader Update Training Save the Date***

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 a new club leaders are also welcome. This is a valuable opportunity to get your club started off on the right track for the upcoming 4-H year and will include topics such as: Financial Management, Policy Updates, New Resources, and more.



Who: 4-H Leaders, Club Coordinators, Resource Volunteers and Activity Leaders

\*\* Each club is asked to send at least one representative to a meeting\*\*

Date/Time:

Monday, September 16 at 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 19 at 9:00—10:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 19 at 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by:

Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

Online at: [https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien\\_4HLeaderUpdate2019/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien_4HLeaderUpdate2019/)

Deadline to RSVP is September 9, 2019

### 4-H Capitol Experience

March 17-20, 2019



The program will be held in Okemos and Downtown Lansing

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual 4-day conference that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 100 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. They will also learn about public access to information, campaign financing, ethics/conflicts of interest, government accountability to the public and lobbying disclosure.

Attendees will:

- ⇒ Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- ⇒ Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- ⇒ Explore various careers in public policy
- ⇒ Attend a bill writing session
- ⇒ Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government simulations and activities that are incorporated to reinforce and apply what is learned about government.
- ⇒ Teens leave the conference with the charge to share what they have learned and get involved with other leadership and civic engagement activities in their communities!

Cost: \$360 for 4-H members and \$380 for non-members. Berrien County 4-H offers limited scholarships for half the cost of the registration fee, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension office to learn more at 269-927-5674.

Deadline to register is February 10, 2019.

Register online at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=277AE3AF842A306B5FD59BC74CC3DF898F9DC297EF70AEC3C79EF29CD56C6074>

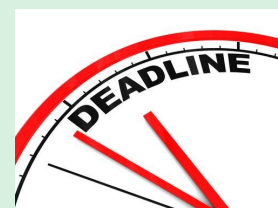
### Upcoming Reminder Deadlines:

New Member/  
Final  
Enrollment  
Deadline

**June 1, 2019**

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.





## Countywide Project:

### 4-H Barn Quilt Workshop

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Berrien County MSU Extension Office

1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years old

All resources and materials will be provided.

Registration online at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?>

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Limit of 25 youth

For questions or accommodations contact Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at [grandtke@msu.edu](mailto:grandtke@msu.edu) or via phone at 269-927-

-5674 ext. 4015



## Countywide Project:

### 4-H String Art Workshop

Back by popular demand is the 4-H String Art countywide project. In this workshop youth will be able to learn how to create String Art. String Art is an arrangement of colored thread strung between two points to form a geometric pattern. Youth will be able to express their creativity and gain a better understanding of design. This workshop is open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age. Cloverbuds (ages 5—7 years) will need to have an adult accompany them to the workshop in order to assist with the project. No cost for the workshop. Resources and materials will be provided.



March 16, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.— Noon

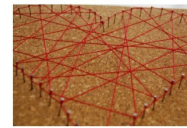
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1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Register by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or online at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4HStringArtWorkshop/>

Deadline to register is March 1, 2019.

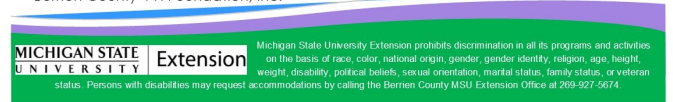
Limit of 20 youth.



For questions or accommodations contact:

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Berrien County 4-H Countywide projects are made possible by the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.



## Countywide Project:

### 4-H Ceramics Workshop

Participants will have the opportunity to try out the ceramics project. In this workshop session youth will be able to decorate their very own ceramic piece to take home at the conclusion. The Ceramics project allows youth to learn life skills and grow in project knowledge while expressing creativity. This workshop is open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age. No cost for the workshop. Resources and materials will be provided.

April 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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Register by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or online at:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4HCeramicsWorkshop/>

Online registration will open on January 18, 2019. Deadline to register is April 1, 2019.

Limit of 25 youth.



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## 2019 BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H TACK SWAP

Saturday – March 16th, 2019

NEW TIME: 11:00AM – 2:00PM!!

LOCATION – BERRIEN SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

502 Middle School Drive, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

NEW for 2019 - VIP Entrance @ 10:30 for \$5.00 or Regular Entry @ 11:00 for \$1 - Under 10 FREE

\*Early Registration, on or before February 28th, 2019 - 1 - 10' spot for \$20 OR 2 for \$35

\*Reserve spots at the door, or after February 28th, for \$30 each or 2 for \$45

\*Set up opens at 9:00 a.m. \*Dealers are welcome! \*Door Prizes/Must Be Present to Win!

\*All clean-up and removal of items must be done by 3:00pm!

\*For more information contact: Pam McCaleb  
269-362-3252 or [we\\_luv\\_paints@yahoo.com](mailto:we_luv_paints@yahoo.com)

Mail Registration & Payment to:

Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCaleb 114 S. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107



# Michigan 4-H Day



at the  
**Breslin Center**



**February 24, 2019**

**What:** Celebrate MSU Extension's 4-H youth with the MSU Women's Basketball team as they take on the Michigan Wolverines.

**When:** February 24, 2019. **Southwest Harrison Gate** will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at **12:30 p.m.** Game time is scheduled for **2:00 p.m.**

**Why:** To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs!

**Who:** 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers, and MSU Extension staff with their families.

**Cost:** Tickets are **FREE** for the guests listed above.  
Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

**Transportation & parking:** **FREE** for school buses, all other buses are \$20. Cars are \$5. Contact your county Extension office to confirm if transportation may be coordinated.

**Attire:** Show your pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

**Extras:**

- Hear fellow 4-H'ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- Explore the wide range of 4-H programming with games and activities on the concourse.
- Take photos with Sparty.

**Get in the game!**

Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

**For more information:**

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

Contact your county MSU Extension office or email [Jane Love](mailto:Jane.Love@anr.msu.edu) at [lovejan@anr.msu.edu](mailto:lovejan@anr.msu.edu)

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## Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop!

Enhance your engineering skills at the hands-on, 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop, March 16-17, at the Kettunen Center in Tustin! The workshop is open to adult and teen volunteer leaders ages 13 and up.

Learn more at

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan\\_4\\_h\\_robotics\\_leaders\\_workshop\\_2019](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_robotics_leaders_workshop_2019)

## 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leader Workshop

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. In addition, breakout sessions will include livestock and meat evaluation, animal management and more. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged for exchanging of ideas and programs and connecting with other volunteers in the same project areas. The workshop will also offer ways to enhance communication and teaching skills as well as learn about the many opportunities available for those interested in the beef, sheep and swine industries. Resources will be available for all attendees. Open to adult and teen volunteers ages 13 (as of Jan. 1, 2019) and older.

**Date:**

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, 4 - 6 p.m.

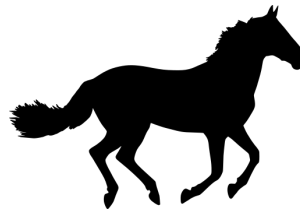
Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, 3 p.m.

**Costs:**

\$58.50 - 4-H members, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff with 4-H responsibilities who bring a 4-H leader or member

\$119.00 - Others

Register online at: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>



## MI 4-H Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

4-H members age 12-19 (as of January 1) and volunteers interested in Michigan 4-H Horse Programs. This workshop is designed for BOTH youth and adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H Horse Programs. Topics include horse judging, equine first aid, veterinary care, and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities, and opportunities beyond a county program. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area.

Cost: \$35.00

For more details on how to register visit:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

For local scholarship opportunities to attend contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

## New Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship

### 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Member's Guide



### Guide

Michigan 4-H cavy showmen now have a new resource! The Michigan 4-H Cavy Fitting & Showmanship Guide contains objectives and guidelines for the 4-H participant in cavy fitting and showing contests.

Information covered in the resource includes feeding, care, handling and conditioning. The bulletin provides full color, step-by-step instructions with photo illustrations for completing the contest examination. Also included is a cavy showmanship scorecard.

## 4-H Events and Workshops

February 2 : 4-H Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn more about form, function, improving patterns and lead changes from experts Brian Bannerman, September Croel and Karen Waite during this day of interactive sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic>

February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins

VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

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

### World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due April 1

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 9, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.



Occurring in two locations, East Lansing and Marquette/Chatham, attendees have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 8-12 and register by the April 1 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about one of twenty grand global challenges which are related to food, hunger and poverty. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due April 1.

### Start planning your 4-H Exploration Days adventure!



A fun summer favorite for Michigan 4-H'ers across the state, plans are well underway for the 2019 4-H Exploration Days! This signature MSU precollege program, to be held June 19-21, allows youth to stay on the campus of Michigan State University while attending classroom and field trip sessions throughout their stay. In addition to enjoying fun and learning on campus, attendees build the skills they need to successfully transition to college and to life as an adult. The event features more than 200 session choices. Begin planning your stay when the 4-H Exploration registration books become available mid-February! Topics include animal science, business and entrepreneurship, international language and culture, performing and visual arts, and science, engineering, and technology.

Use the registration book to make your top session selections in advance of registration opening on March 12 (also be on the lookout for session age restrictions). Sessions will fill up quickly and all registration information is due to your county's MSU Extension office at the end of April, although specific dates vary.

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674.

### Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines now available



The new Michigan 4-H Miniature Horse Show Guidelines allow Michigan 4-H mini showmen to understand the rules governing their shows. It is also a great resource for leaders and show managers, as well as 4-H members!

Included in the document is information for all classes, including: jumper, hunter, costume, driven dressage, gymkhana, pole bending and more.

Download your free copy today at [https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses\\_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf](https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/uploads/files/Miniature-Horse-Rule-Book-Final-2019.pdf).

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## 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

February 23-24, 2019  
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI  
for 4-H teens ages 13-19 (4-H age)  
**\$45**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers19/>

Registration deadline: 2-14-19

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

**Agriculture Literacy (native bees)**  
**Global Citizenship**  
**Healthy Living**  
**Money Management**

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.