Berrien County MSU Extension Office Closures

July 4, 2022

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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http://msue.anr.msu.edu/ county/berrien/ berrien_county_4_h

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Help Needed at the 4-H Booth



It's that time of year again, the Berrien County 4-H Program will be having its annual promotional and educational booth during the Berrien County Youth Fair.

We need help both Youth and Adult to assist during the fun activities in addition to promoting the program.

Sign Up for a slot by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

4-H Project Feedback Night

Due to the sunsetting of the 4-H Spring Achievement event, the Berrien County 4-H Program is now offering a 4-H Project Feedback Night! Youth will be able to showcase their projects for evaluation in order to receive ribbons and feedback.

This opportunity looks to provide youth with:

- Evaluation support from knowledgeable evaluators
- Public Speaking experience
- Ability to showcase their quality and quantity of work
- Ability to showcase improvement in project area
- Ability to compete for special recognition of project and project completion awards

Projects must be done within the 2021—2022 4-H Program year to be eligible to receive feedback and evaluation. Projects will not be displayed for public viewing. Projects selected for special awards will have photos taken of them for final round of selection. Special awards and evaluation forms will be mailed to Club Coordinators after the event.

Time: 3:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Date: July 10, 2022

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Registration: Pre-registration is required. Registration is set to open on June 15, 2022. Registration includes time slot selection for evaluating. One youth per a registration form. Registration must be done no later than July 5, 2022. Registration can be done:

- Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674
- Online at through 4-H Online at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in
- Emailing the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at: msue.berrien@county.msu.edu

Evaluators Needed!

In order to make the event successful we need volunteers! If interested in assisting or being an evaluators, please reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office no later than July 1, 2022.

New Training Required for 4-H Leaders and Volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled "Child Abuse Reporting Protocol" has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes. All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training in the upcoming year.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may either:

- Log into Volunteer Central and complete the module through the system.
- Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers).
- Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as "completed".

Leaders only are required to take training one time.

Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Versatility Scholarship Event

Date: Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM at the Berrien County Youth Fair

Eligibility: Open to any Berrien County 4-H member who is 14—19 years of age and has completed the ninth grade. Maximum years of participating in the event is not to exceed five. Age/grade is determined as of January 1, 2022. Exhibitors must be enrolled in Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project by June 1, 2022.



Purpose: The Purpose of the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event is to identify and recognize the most versatile 4-H teen-member and horse team in the Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project. The scholarship recognizes the outstanding 4-H horse and rider versatility combination at the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event.

2022 Gymkhana will be Speed and Action

Amount of Scholarship: \$500.00 to Champion and \$250.00 to Reserve Champion.

Member and horse must be pre-registered or post marked for the Berrien County 4-H Versatility Event by Monday, July 11, 2022.

For eligibility, rules, requirements and application can be found at:

- By calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674
- Online at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/berrien/berrien county 4 h

For questions related to the Versatility Scholarship Event, contact Chrissy Bradford, Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association Versatility Scholarship Event Chair, at canterloper@aol.com or via phone at 269-362-2915.

Save the Date 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 now. 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.

Dates:

- September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. EST—Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
- September 22, 2022 at 9:00 am. EST—Via Zoom
- September 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. EST—Berrien County MSU Extension Office

RSVP's are to be done through 4-H Online at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. A confirmation email will be sent upon registering that will include zoom information, etc.



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Canine Good Citizenship Evaluation and Testing



Hosted by the Best Friends 4-H Club

Date:

September 10, 2022

Time:

6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Location:

Mutterly Love Saint Joseph, MI

Cost:

Free for 4-H Members & Leaders

\$15.00 for general public

More information coming soon!

4 2021 Scholarship Recipients



Alumni Scholarship Recipient:

Jacklyn Alsbro of the Double Bridle 4-H Club



Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Karen Smith of the Fuzzy Friends 4-H Club, Galien Chanters 4-H Club and Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club

4-H Equine Educational Activity Scholarship

The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association would like to present a scholarship opportunity. The scholarship was created to encourage active participation in the Berrien County 4-H Equine Project. Horse ownerships and or equine related major/minor is not required for eligibility. Scholarship is awarded to at least two individuals for a minimum of \$500.00.

- Applicants must be a high school graduate and have been a member of the Berrien County 4-H Horse & Pony Project for a minimum of two years.
- Applicant must have completed their first year of college or trade school.
- Applicant may apply and be awarded the scholarship up to 3 times provided they have not reached their 21st birthday by January 1 of the application year. The scholarship will not apply for graduate school.

Applications are due by July 15, 2022 to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Alumni Scholarship & Joseph Cerny and Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship

The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. announces two scholarship opportunities—the Alumni Scholarship and the Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship. The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. annually awards one or more scholarships, for a minimum of \$700.00 each. The Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship is also awarded annually for a minimum amount of \$700.00 and is offered independently of the Alumni Scholarship.

Although both scholarships are now awarded to one recipient in the same year, an eligible applicant can be awarded the Cerny Memorial scholarship one year and the Alumni scholarship another year. If you are planning to continue your education, we encourage you to review the requirements and if eligible, apply for these scholarships.

Deadline for submissions is July 11, 2022 by 5:00 p.m. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022 starting at 5:30 p.m. Accommodations can be requested when submitting applications. (Please note the change in interview date).

Eligibility requirements and applications can be found online at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county 4 h/scholarships-awards/scholarships

Upcoming Countywide Projects

Registration is now open for countywide projects and project exploration kits. Registration can be done through 4-H Online at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in and logging into your family profile. Once logged in you can find all workshops and kits in the event section of your profile! Pre-registration is required and space is limited for each workshop regardless of participation via virtually or in-person.

4-H Ceramics Workshop

Join us in the 4-H Ceramics Workshop! Participants will be able to paint their very own ceramic project!

Date: June 26, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

4-H Food Preservation Workshop

Join the Food Preservation workshop to learn about the basics of canning! Participants will create and can jams/jellies and pickles!

Date: July 16, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

SOLD! Making the Most out of your Market Animal - Beginner Workshop

The SOLD!! Making the most of your Market Animal project workshop is designed to assist youth with getting ready for their local Market Animal Auction. Grow the potential profit of your 4-H Livestock projects through a variety of marketing and communication strategies that will give you a leg up on your competition. This is a beginner level workshop.

Date: July 31, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

SOLD! Making the Most out of your Market Animal - Advance Workshop

The SOLD!! Making the most of your Market Animal project workshop is designed to assist youth with getting ready for their local Market Animal Auction. Grow the potential profit of your 4-H Livestock projects through a variety of marketing and communication strategies that will give you a leg up on your competition. This is an advanced level workshop.

Date: August 7, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

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Save the Date!



Michigan 4-H State Shooting Sports Championship

Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Championship

Date:

July 23, 2022

Location:

TBA

More information to come! Registration expected to open on June 1—25, 2022.

For more information go to:

https://
www.canr.msu.edu/
events/4-h-stateshooting-sportschampionships

4-H Leaders Council

Annual Elections



Vacancies:

Two (2) - Teen Leader

Three (3) - Adult Leaders

Interest Deadline

September 1, 2022

Interest Submission:

Emailing to

sobralskimd@gmail.

Or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension office

For questions reach out to Elections
Chair:

Deanna Sobralski

sobralskimd@gmail.

Upcoming Countywide Projects Continued.....

4-H at the LMC Fab Lab

Join us at Lake Michigan College's Fabrication Lavatory to learn about 3D printers, laser cutters, woodworking tools and so much more! Participants will work with instructors to use the laser cutter to carve a design into a decorative pumpkin for autumn.

Date: September 17, 2022 Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Lake Michigan College—Benton Harbor, MI

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

4-H Chocolate Adventure

Join us during the winter season as we dive into sweet chocolate treats! In this workshop youth will learn how to make hot chocolate cocoa bombs.

Date: December 3, 2022

Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

Upcoming 4-H to Go! Kits

Registration is now open for 4-H to Go! kits. Registration can be done through 4-H Online at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in and logging into your family profile. Once logged in you can find all workshops and kits in the event section of your profile! Pre registration is required and space is limited for each regardless of participation via virtually or in-person. Individuals may register via phone by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

4-H String Art

Join us in creating your own string art project. Learn how to create a basic design using string and nails. Hammer not included. Only 20 kits available.

Deadline to Register: July 1, 2022

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

4-H Origami Creations

Join us in learning about origami. Fold into the history of origami and create your very own origami masterpiece! Only 30 kits available.

Deadline to Register: August 1, 2022

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2022

4-H STEM Challenge: Explorers of the Deep

Designed by Rutgers University, Explorers of the Deep, focuses on the mysteries and adventures of ocean exploration—with robots! Ocean exploration helps scientists prepare for and adapt to changing ocean conditions. Many of these changes in ocean conditions are affecting the environment, such as melting glaciers, increasing ocean temperatures, declining fisheries and an increase in frequency and severity of storms.

Deadline to Register: October 1

Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years

Michigan 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest

Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2022

Location: Michigan State University Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

Time: 9:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. Cost: \$20.00 per a contest

Class es:

Beef CattleBoer GoatsSheepSwine

Divisions:

Cloverbud (7)
Senior (14—19)
Team
Junior (8 to 13)
Senior MLE
Individual

Registration: Entries due by July 1, 2022. Entry forms can be found online at https://www.canr.msu.edu/pavilion/2022%20MI%204-H%20and%20FFA%20Livestock%20Judging%20Contest%20Final%20CRX.pdf

Berrien County 4-H Viticulture SPIN Club

Grapes are grown in all 50 states. In Michigan, grapes provide over 47,000 jobs. Grapes are one of the fastest growing commodities in Michigan. The Berrien County 4-H Viticulture SPIN Club will introduce grape growing and explore value added agriculture, STEM and hospitality careers. This club will offer a hands on approach engaging youth in activities that include:



Planting

Pruning Grape VinesTraining Grape Vines

• Inspecting Vines for

Insects and Diseases

• Testing Grapes for Ripeness

• Testing Grapes for

Sugar Content

And so much more!

When: July 7, July 21, August 4, August 11, September 1, September 15

Time: 4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. EST

Location: Southwest Michigan Research Center and various Grape Farms in

Berrien County, MI

Who: Open to youth ages 12—19 years as of January 1

Now accepting new 4-H members!

Cost: Free

Registration: Register by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office or online through 4-H Online 2.0 at: https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in When registering select the "SPIN Club Viticulture" as your 4-H Club.

For questions reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

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We Can Ride 4-H Club Biggby Fundraiser



Currently the We
Can Ride 4-H Club
is conducting a
Biggby Fundraiser.
Starting on July 13,
the club will be
selling Biggby
Coupon Cards.

Coupon Cards cost is \$20.00.

Coupons are valued around \$200.00

Coupons can be used at over 150 participating locations.

Coupon Cards can be purchased from the club via cash or check through a local club family, member or leader.

Last day to purchase a card is August 10!

4-H Exploration Days Scholarship Recipients

New this year, the Berrien County 4-H program will be sponsoring full scholarships for the following youth to attend 4-H Exploration Days:

Lucy Madison

Paul Pirri

James Jasper

McKenzie Sing

Carlo Mollison

Andrew McKee

Daniel McKee

Hayden Wagner

Taya Young

Toby Young

Congratulations to these families. Youth participants scholarships are applied directly to the registration. Refunds will be issued for any deposit submitted.

Michigan 4-H Dog Show

Date: August 20, 2022

Who: Open to all exhibitors aged 8 -19 years as of January 1, 2022.

Location: Shiawassee County Fairgrounds – 2900 E Hibbard Road, Corunna, MI

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Classes offered:

Leader Dog/Service
 Dog Puppy
 Obedience
 Rally
 Team Class

• Junior Showmanship • Agility

Cost: \$6.00 per a dog registered and \$10.00 per a class

County Scholarship Opportunity: The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program is offering county scholarships to go towards the registration fee to Berrien County 4-H members, families, and leaders. The scholarships are for up to \$36.00 per an individual that goes towards the cost of the dog fee and class fee.

Registration Details: Register online at: https://events.anr.msu.edu/ DogShow2022/

Deadline to register is July 17, 2022 at midnight. Proof of vaccination must be emailed to state4hdogshow@gmail.com by August 6, 2022. Camping is available

Event Catalog & Scoresheets:

All score sheets that will be used at the 2022 State 4-H Dog Show can be found at https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/michigan 4 h dog show scoresheets

Michigan 4-H Horse Show

Date: August 18—21, 2022

Who: Open to 4-H members ages 13—19 years as of January 1, 2022;

(Up to 26 for youth with disabilities)

Location: Michigan State University Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

Classes offered:

Cost: \$65.00 per an entry

Dressage
 Rail
 Gymkhana
 Driving

Showmanship
 Trail
 Saddle Seat

County Scholarship Opportunity: The Berrien County 4-H Youth Development program is offering county scholarships to go towards the registration fee to Berrien County 4-H members that are selected. Only 18 youth will be selected to represent Berrien County 4-H.

Registration Details: Submit interest to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office no later than July 11, 2022. Applications can be found online at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses-ponies/uploads/Delegate%20Info%20Pkt%2022%20FNL.pdf

For event catalog, rules and schedule can be found at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses ponies/uploads/Delegate%20Info%20Pkt%2022%20FNL.pdf



Money Crunches Boot Camp July 27-28 1-5 pm



Exercise your money smarts skills and get financially fit this summer by attending the 4-H Money Crunches Boot Camp.

This FREE camp, for youth entering 8th-10th grade in the fall, will be held at various sites across Michigan.

Build your financial endurance with hands-on activities. Cross-train with financial fitness coaches simulcast to each camp location. The financial circuits include banking, saving, investing, spending plans, fraud, taxes, goals, paying for secondary education and more!

Join the fun on July 27-28, 2022, from 1-5 pm daily and leave with monster money muscles!

This program is made possible by a grant from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.



To find out more and register https://events.anr.msu.edu/moneycamp22/

For more information contact Janice Zerbe rajzerj@msu.edu

FREE!!

Youth entering 8th-10th grade in the fall

Host Sites:
Allegan County
Bay County
Delta County
Grand Traverse
Jackson County
Luce County
Macomb County
Marquette County
Shiawassee County
Van Buren County



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Save the Date!

Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration



Save the date for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Date:

November 11—13, 2022

Location:

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center

Roscommon, MI

More information to come!

Now recruiting for Instructors. If interested complete the following form at: https://forms.gle/ DmvLn7o9YdCokH **Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp**

Date: July 31—August 6, 2022

Location: Camp Chickagami—Presque Isle, on

the shores of Lake Esau

Who: Open to youth ages 13—15 years as of

January 1.

Cost: \$500.00 includes lodging, meals and snacks, a t-shirt, and experiential

learning

County Scholarships: The Berrien County 4-H is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$300.00 to Berrien County 4-H'ers who are selected to attend. Applications for the scholarships can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Applications must be submitted prior to registering for the event.

Apply online at: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4 h great lakes natural resources camp/ Space is limited Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

2022 Michigan 4-H Mark of Excellence Award Winners

Every year, counties across Michigan offer 4-H youth, ages 11 and 12, the opportunity to participate in Michigan 4-H State Awards' 4-H Mark of Excellence essay contest. The essay theme is "Because of 4-H, I can..." and the youth referred to a variety of memorable experiences in their time as 4-H'ers.

As part of the contest, up to two 4-H youth essays from each county are selected to be recognized as award winners. In 2022, the following 15 4-H members from 11 counties were selected as the 2022 Mark of Excellence county winners.



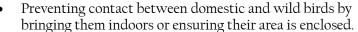
- Berrien County: Maizie Murphy and Gemma Richards
- Cass County: Conner Baker
- Gratiot County: Joshua Grigar
- Isabella County: Ben Kropf and Grace Russell
- Lenawee County: Eliana Pinson
- Midland County: Benny Scott
- Monroe County: Morgan Schmidt
- Muskegon County: Layla Behm
- Saginaw County: Samantha Hecht or Elliana Specht
- Van Buren County: Karleigh Stamp
- Washtenaw County: Amelia Long and Westin Rogers

Each recipient received a medal, and their winning essays were added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the <u>Michigan 4-H Foundation</u> and State 4-H Office at MSU Extension. Congratulations to our winners!

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Bird Biosecurity Reminders

With cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza on the rise, owners of poultry projects and other birds are encouraged to implement preventative measures. This includes keeping animals contained at their own facilities, as well as:



- Washing hands before and after handling birds and when moving between different
- Disinfecting boots and other gear when moving between coops.
- Not sharing equipment or other supplies between coops or other farms.
- Cleaning and disinfecting equipment and other supplies between uses.
- Using well or municipal water as drinking water for birds.
- Ensuring there is no contact between poultry feed/feed ingredients and wild birds or rodents.
- Wearing clean clothing and footwear that has not been worn in a home coop into public venues.

If you suspect a bird in your flock may be sick with avian influenza, contact MDARD immediately at 800-292-3939 (daytime) or 517-373-0440 (after-hours). Signs of HPAI include unusual deaths, drop in egg production and significant decrease in water consumption.

Michigan 4-H Dairy Days

Join 4-H members from around Michigan July 18-22, 2022 at the Michigan State University Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education for Michigan 4-H Youth Dairy Days! Dairy Days is part of Michigan Dairy Expo, a celebration of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in the Great Lake State.

During the week there are breed shows and showmanship contests for 4-H youth as well as open shows for dairy enthusiasts of all ages. In addition to cattle events, there

are three additional contests young people may participate in: Dairy Management/ Skillathon Contest, Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, and Dairy Quiz Bowl.

Date: July 18, 2022 - July 22, 2022

Location: Michigan State University Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

Entries Due: Entries due by June 28, 2022

For more information go to: https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-youthdairy-days

Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp Scholarship Recipient

The Michigan 4-H Animal Veterinary Science Camp this year selected Berrien County 4-H'er Elise Schmaltz of the High Spirits 4-H Club. Elise was accepted to attend the precollege program camp in July 2022. Elise is provided with a county scholarship of \$350.00 to apply to her registration fee for the camp. Participants were selected based on application process with only 50 youth selected each year to attend.



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JULY 18-22, 2022

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11 Share your 4-H story!



Across the state. Michigan 4-H is growing true leaders for today and tomorrow. From Marquette to Monroe, these young people are impacting their clubs, communities, country and world.

To help share this impact with others, we're looking for youth to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their own personal growth and development.

Submissions will be posted on the Meet Michigan 4-H'ers section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

To learn more and download the guidelines, visit www.canr.msu.edu/ 4h/meet-michigan-4-h.

Enrollment Reminders!

June 1, 2022—New & Returning Member Enrollment Deadline Extended



Don't wait enroll today at:

https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

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