



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

**4-H Family News**

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**Berrien County MSU Extension Office**

**Holiday & County Closed Dates:**

**Monday, December 24, 2018**

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

*Please, make sure to plan ahead to accommodate the above closed dates.*

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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**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  
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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!

**2018 Leaders Council Annual Election**

The Leaders Council Annual Elections are now under way! This year, adult leaders and teen members are encouraged to practice responsible citizenship by casting their ballot.

Adults will vote for four adults and teen members will vote for one teen. Ballots are sent via mail to eligible voters. If you have not received your ballot, please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office. Ballots must be returned by 5:00 PM on December 14, 2018 either via fax, mail or drop off.

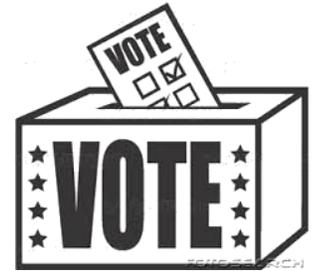
This year's 2018 Leaders Council Candidates are:

***Adult Candidates:***

Tracie Baker  
Roxy Cochran  
Chelsey Sobraliski  
Dena Sobraliski

***Teen Candidates:***

Caitlin Young

**2018 Annual Fall Candy Bar Fundraiser**

The annual Fall Fundraiser is coming to a close! Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in selling Gertrude Hawk Candy bars.

This is a friendly, reminder that the deadline for ALL money to be turned in was November 29.

This deadline has passed. If you still have money to submit, please do so ASAP to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Money can either be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor MI 49022; dropped off during office hours or through after hours mailbox. All money that is dropped off via the afterhours drop mailbox must be via check. A club's portion of the candy bars profits cannot be distributed until all money that is owed by the club has been turned in.

Please note, when submitting club payment, all checks need to be made out to the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.

For questions, issues or concerns, please contact the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Fundraising Chair, Amber Smith at [daisyjadeacres@gmail.com](mailto:daisyjadeacres@gmail.com).

## Berrien County 4-H: Program Updates

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### Thanks 4 Giving Community Service Project Update

On November 17, 2018 in collaboration with the Berrien County Farm Bureau, local Berrien County 4-H Clubs came together to participate in the Thanks 4 Giving community service project. Clubs were asked to provide items and assist in assembling baskets to give out to individuals/families in need throughout Berrien County during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Over 60 baskets were assembled and delivered to families. Each bushel basket was overflowing with enough food for a family to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast, including a turkey grown by Berrien County Farm Bureau Board Member Tim Ames, potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, fresh baked dinner rolls, a pumpkin pie, and vouchers for milk and butter from local grocery stores. Each basket contained at least 35 pounds of food and a total of 2170 pounds of food was distributed!

Furthermore, Berrien County Farm Bureau graciously gave three door prizes away in the amount of \$100.00 to three participating clubs. Clubs did not have to be present on assembly day to win. The winners of the door prizes were as follows:

***Redbud Country Goats 4-H Club***  
***Four Flags 4-H Club***  
***Town & Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club***



### Upcoming Reminder Deadlines:

Annual Financial Report Forms Deadline

**November 2018**

Re-enrollment Deadline

**January 1, 2019**

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.

### Club Coordinator— Annual Financial Summary Report Forms

This is a friendly, reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms was November 1, 2018.

If your club still needs to submit these forms please do so ASAP to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor.

Forms can be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the after hours drop mailbox out front or faxed to 269-944-4128.

Forms that need to be submitted include the Annual Financial Report, Civil Rights Statement, Club Profile and Inventory Record.

### Tractor Operator Program

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program (TOP) through the 4-H Youth Development Program. Successful completion of the 4-H TOP program provides completion certificates to 13—19 year olds.



Who: 13—19 years of age

(currently, youth must be 14 years by the day of the driving test to be eligible to receive federal certificates)

Cost TBD

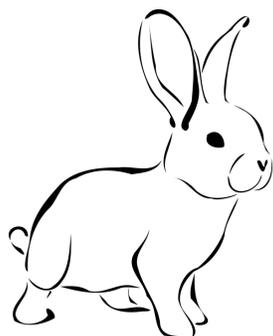
When: The 9 week course is usually taught on Wednesday evenings, mid-January through March each year, with an occasional Saturday practice driving.

Where: The Program will meet at the Old Baroda Township Hall, Baroda, MI

If interested, contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Topics Include:

- ⇒ Farm/Ranch Hazards Safety
- ⇒ Tractor Component Basics
- ⇒ Pre-operational procedures
- ⇒ Operational Basics
- ⇒ Operating on Public Roadways
- ⇒ Tractor-powered implements
- ⇒ Self-propelled agricultural equipment
- ⇒ Basic maintenance and repair
- ⇒ ATV/Utility Vehicle Safety
- ⇒ First aid and emergencies



### Michigan 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Show

Date: January 26, 2019

Location: MSU Pavilion—4301 Farm Lane, Lansing, MI

For more information and to register online go to:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/2019rabbitandcavyshow/>

Who: Michigan 4-H members aged 8 to 19 as of January 1, 2019

Cloverbud division youth must be 5 to 7 as of January 1, 2019

Deadline to register: January 18, 2019

Berrien County 4-H offers scholarships at \$11.00 per youth to assist with the cost of the workshop. Please contact the Berrien County MSUE Office to find out more about the scholarships at 269-927-5674.

# 4-H Tubing



at



# Five Pines

**Berrien County 4-H is going tubing for its Annual Holiday Bash celebration! Come and join a fun night of tubing at Five Pines! Light refreshments will be provided.**

**FREE for all Berrien County 4-H families!**

**Saturday, December 15, 2018**

**If no snow, date will be re-scheduled to January 19, 2019.**

**Time: 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.**

**Location:**

Five Pines  
6597 Smith Road  
Berrien Center, MI 49102



**Please RSVP by December 10, 2018**

**Call 269-927-5674 or email: Jennifer Young at [youngj62@msu.edu](mailto:youngj62@msu.edu) or Jamie Styburski at [styburs1@msu.edu](mailto:styburs1@msu.edu)**

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## What?

- Thousands of young people from across America come to the **National 4-H Youth Conference Center** every summer to participate in CWF, a citizenship and leadership program held in **Washington, DC**. Through a series of speakers, committee work, field trips and social events, participants learn the importance of citizenship and social responsibility and are given the opportunity to **explore, develop, and refine skills needed to be an outstanding leader on both a local and national level**.

## Why?

- **Impact and action planning** – Our focus is life-long civic engagement, and delegates leave with a plan of action to tackle issues facing their own communities when they return home.
- **Living classroom of Washington, DC** – Collegiate Program Assistants, serving as facilitators, tour guides and role models immerse delegates in the culture and history of our country through onsite discussions at DC's most spectacular locations. *Destinations include: The Capitol Building, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, presidential and war monuments and memorials, Smithsonian museums and more.*
- **More than just monuments** – CWF isn't just another sightseeing trip to Washington DC. Through hands-on educational workshops, youth learn about the history of our nation, and the leaders who shaped it.
- **Diversity, friendship and fun** – CWF is a once in a lifetime opportunity to exchange ideas, practice respect, form friendships and share experiences with those from all across the country.
- **Exclusively 4-H focused** – CWF is a 4-H tradition that dates back more than 50 years, and is the only such national citizenship and leadership program offered exclusively to 4-H members.

## Who?

- 45 Michigan 4-H Youth ages 14-19

## When?

- June 22-29, 2019. The Michigan delegation leaves on Saturday, June 22 and will drive the first day to Gettysburg, PA. On Sunday the group tours the battlegrounds before finishing our travel to DC.

## Where?

- National 4-H Youth Conference Center, Chevy Chase, MD; one mile from Washington D.C.

## How Much?

- Total cost is \$1,500 (includes transportation, lodging in both Gettysburg and Chevy Chase, conference costs, and most meals).
- Registration does not include the cost of 6 meals or spending money.

## For Questions or More Information:

Visit the National 4-H CWF website: <http://www.4hcnw.org/> or contact the Michigan coordinator: Connie Lange, [langec@msu.edu](mailto:langec@msu.edu), 517-279-4311. Contact your County MSU Extension Office for more details. Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CWF2019/>.

### What Are Others Saying?

*"CWF has been the highlight of my 4-H Career."*

*-- Oklahoma Delegate*

*"I didn't have the faintest idea what a good citizen was before I came here, and now I know it's what I strive to be."*

*-- Colorado Delegate*

*"What I enjoyed the most about CWF was the fact that I got to interact with people from different communities with different backgrounds than my own."*

*-- Ohio Delegate*

*"There is one word for this trip... AWESOME."*

*-- Colorado Delegate*

Berrien County 4-H is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 to attend the 2019 CWF trip. Applications for the scholarship can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Applications are due January 4, 2019 no later than 5:00 p.m. If youth are chosen for the scholarship a deposit of \$250.00 must be made no later than January 7, 2019 to reserve a spot.



## 4-H National Youth Agri-Science Summit Michigan 4-H Delegation

### DATE & TIME:

January 10-13, 2019

### LOCATION:

National 4-H Conference Center; Chevy Chase, MD (near Washington, D.C.)

### COST:

\$900

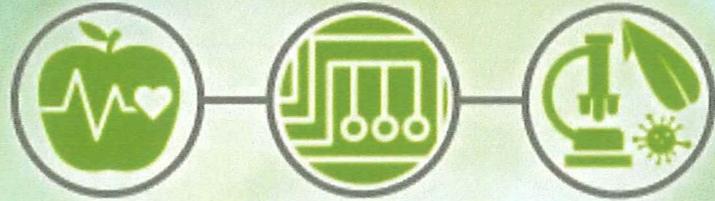
Includes lodging, airfare, transportation, most meals, conference registration, chaperones.

A limited number of reduced cost registrations are available for new participants at \$375

The Michigan delegation will be flying from Detroit

### Conference Features include:

- ◆ Town Hall & Issues Identification
- ◆ Career Exploration
- ◆ Educational Sessions
- ◆ D.C. Tour



**NATIONAL YOUTH  
SUMMIT SERIES**  
HEALTHY LIVING · MAKER · AGRI-SCIENCE

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Michigan youth grades 9-12

### DESCRIPTION:

At the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science high school students develop the skills and knowledge needed for the challenges facing agriculture, food security and sustainability. National 4-H Council and National 4-H Conference Center have partnered with agricultural scientists, researchers, leaders, politicians, and advocates to host the National Youth Summit on Agri-Science. This Summit emphasizes hands-on educational experiences led by experts in the agricultural community. Participants will prepare a community action plan to address a local agriculture science or food security issue.

### HOW TO REGISTER

Register online by **December 14, 2018**

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/agrisciencesummit19/>

Participants must also be currently enrolled in 4-H Online.

### CONTACT:

Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@msu.edu) or 810-648-2515

Berrien County 4-H is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$900.00 to attend the 2019 You Agri-Science Summit trip. Applications for the scholarship can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Applications are due December 10, 2018 no later than 5:00 p.m.

# 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** at [lovejan@anr.msu.edu](mailto:lovejan@anr.msu.edu)

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### 2019 State Award applications now available

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.



2018 State Award winners in the senior division with their plaques at 4-H Exploration Days.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member. Final candidates for the junior, senior and group level awards in each project area will be selected to participate in the State Awards program during 4-H Exploration Days in June, where final selection and announcement of winners will take place.

The application can be found at <http://bit.ly/2xWk3VO> and is due Feb. 1, 2019. For more information, contact Betty Jo Krosnicki at [nashbett@anr.msu.edu](mailto:nashbett@anr.msu.edu).

### 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Contest for Michigan 4-H Members

Michigan 4-H youth can improve their science, knowledge, writing and research skills and win a cash prize by entering the 2019 4-H Beekeeping Essay Competition. This year's essay topic is *Honey Varietals, State to State*. Each jar of honey reflects an unrepeatable combination of climate, soil, weather and flowers. Each state has unique honey varietals that beekeepers can market to their customers. Contestants should identify one unique varietal to their state and discuss the flower's uniqueness and how beekeepers can effectively market that varietal. Please include a photo of the varietal's flower, an interview with a local beekeeper who collects this varietal, and a recipe that highlights the varietal.

The top three winners nationally will receive cash prizes of \$750, \$500 and \$250, and winning essays will be published in *ABF Quarterly*, the magazine of the American Beekeeping Federation. The three national winners and the top winner of each state will receive a book about honey bees, beekeeping or honey.

Essay length should be 750 to 1000 words and will be judged on the scope of research, accuracy, creativity, conciseness and logic development of the topic. Youth are encouraged to research the topic using a number of sources. Download the complete rules at <https://bit.ly/2PuegUu> before beginning the contest. This contest is sponsored by the Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to preserve the practice and the profession of beekeeping through education and research, established by the American Beekeeping Federation.

**Support Michigan 4-H during your holiday shopping!**



Get ready for the holidays by supporting 4-H while making your purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5 percent of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>.

Buy your favorite Michigan 4-Hers 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5 percent of the purchase will go back to Michigan 4-H!

JOANN's Fabrics shoppers who use their free 4-H loyalty card (<http://www.joann.com/4-h/>) will save 15 percent while also giving 2.5 percent back to the National 4-H Council.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Berrien  
County 4-H  
Leaders  
Association  
Meeting has been  
set!!

**Date:**

*Monday, April 29,  
2019*

**Time:**

*7:00 p.m.—9:00  
p.m.*

**Location:**

*Berrien County  
Youth Memorial  
Building— Berrien  
Springs, MI*

Each club is asked  
to send at least  
one representative  
to the meeting.

All Teen Leaders  
and 4-H Leaders  
are welcome to  
attend!!

**DECEMBER 2018**

December 1: Personalization Workshop

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*

December 15: Tubing at Five Pines

*Five Pines—Berrien Center, MI*

December 16: Berrien County 4-H Robotics Club Kick Off Meeting

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*

December 23: 4-H Day the Lions

*Ford Field—Detroit, MI*

December 24—25: MSUE Office Closed

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*

December 31 - January 1: MSUE Office Closed

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*

**JANUARY 2019****January 1: Re-enrollment Deadline**

January 8: Horse Leaders Association Meeting

*Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI*

January 21: MSUE Office Closed

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office — Benton Harbor, MI*

January 26: State 4-H Rabbit Show

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

January 27: Berrien County 4-H Robotics Club Meeting

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*

January 28: Leaders Council Re-Organizational Meeting

*Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI*



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*. . . to my club, my community,  
my country, and the world.*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## **Berrien County** **4-H Robotics** **Club** **Kick-Off**

The Berrien County 4-H Robotics club will be kicking off its first meeting of the year!

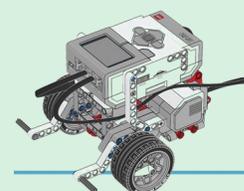
Saturday,  
December 16,  
2018

Time:  
3:00—4:30 p.m.

Location:  
Berrien County  
MSU Extension  
Office

If you are interested in joining come on out and stay up to date on the club's Facebook page at:

*Berrien County*  
*4-H Robotics*  
*Club*



## **February**

### **February 1: State Award Applications Due**

February 1—2: 4-H Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest  
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

February 2: MQHA Tack Sale/MSU 4-H Horse Benefit Clinic  
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

February 5: Horse Leaders Association Meeting  
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

February 15—16: 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Workshop  
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

February 16—17: 4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop  
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

February 18: MSUE Office C  
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

February 23: Teen & Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Workshop  
MSU—East Lansing, MI

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin  
MSU—East Lansing, MI

February 25: Leaders Council Meeting  
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

## **March**

March 5: Horse Leaders Association Meeting  
Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien Springs, MI

March 8—10: MI Horse Expo  
MSU Pavilion—East Lansing, MI

March 9: MI 4-H Dog Workshop  
MSU, Anthony Hall—East Lansing, MI

March 15—17: 4-H Dairy Conference  
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

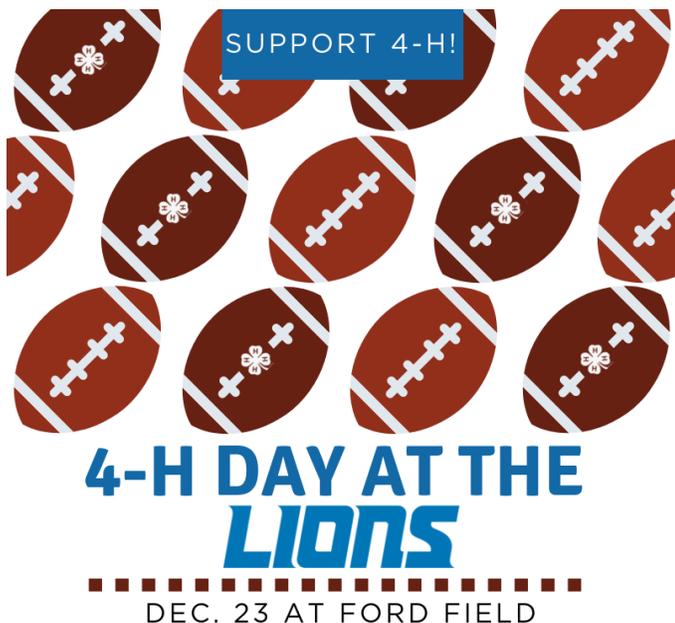
March 16—17: Michigan 4-H Robotics Leaders Workshop 2019  
Kettunen Center—Tustin, MI

March 23: MI 4-H Horse Communications & Hippology Contest  
MSU, Anthony Hall—East Lansing, MI

March 24: 4-H FFA Horse Judging Contest  
MSU—East Lansing, MI

March 25: Leaders Council Meeting  
Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

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## 4-H Day at the Lions

The Detroit Lions would like to invite all 4-H members, families and friends out to a Detroit Lions game. For every ticket purchased, \$5.00 will back to your local county 4-H program.

Detroit Lions vs. Minnesota Vikings

Sunday, December 23, 2018

1:00 p.m. kick-off

Ford Field—Detroit, MI

To purchase tickets go online to:

[https://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/partners/4-H?fbclid=IwAR3DMqWfQIYtGNCedBGtcz3e4iN9t4xZTDnUOcATRdvHEydGgguREz\\_R0eI](https://www.detroitlions.com/tickets/partners/4-H?fbclid=IwAR3DMqWfQIYtGNCedBGtcz3e4iN9t4xZTDnUOcATRdvHEydGgguREz_R0eI)