

Berrien County 4-H Spotlight

Upcoming MSU Extension Office Closures

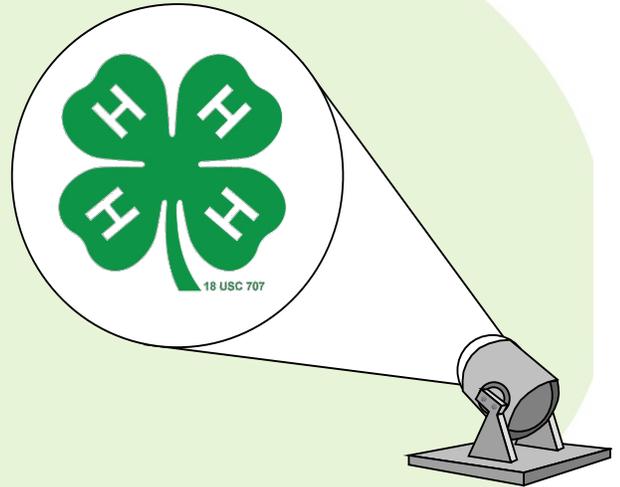
The Berrien County MSU Extension Office will be closed on the following days. Please arrange for any pickup or drop offs prior to these dates.

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December 26 – December 30, 2022

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COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



Citizenship Washington Focus – CWF

Who? Michigan 4-H Youth ages 14-19

When? June 24-30, 2023. The Michigan 4-H Delegation leaves by bus on Saturday, June 24 with the first stop at the 911 Memorial in PA and then stays Saturday night in Gettysburg. On Sunday, the group will tour the battlegrounds and then travel on to D.C.

Where? The group will stay at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD

Cost? The total cost is \$2,000.00 (includes transportation, all lodging, conference costs and most meals) plus 7 meals and spending money.

How do I sign up? Contact Clara Jungermann 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu or 269-927-5647 ext. 4012.

Scholarship? Berrien County 4-H is offering one scholarship in the amount of \$1,800.00 to a member to attend the 2022 CWF trip. Applications for the scholarship can be requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674. Applications are due by December 22, 2022 no later than 5:00 p.m. If youth are chosen for the scholarship a deposit of \$200.00 must be made no later than January 9, 2023 to the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

The Annual Fall Fundraiser is in full swing. Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in selling World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars. Reminder to clubs that sold World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars, that the deadline for ALL money to be turned in by was December 6, 2022. Checks can be either mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022; dropped off during office hours or through the after-hours mailbox. A Club's portion of the candy bars profits cannot be distributed until all money owed by the club is submitted.

Checks should be made payable to: Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.

Tuesday, December 6, 2022 ALL MONEY DUE

For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Fundraising Chair, Chelsey Sobraliski at sobraliski.c@gmail.com or via phone at 269-487-8279.



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Upcoming Countywide Projects & Kits

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 workshops are limited on a first come, first serve basis until full regardless of participation via virtually or in-person. All supplies are included unless noted during the registration process. Zoom links for virtual projects will be sent in the email confirmation.

4-H Chocolate Adventure

- Date: December 3, 2022
- Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County MSU Extension office
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Sold out



4-H Kits to Go! Season's Tweetings

- Date: December 2022
- Location: Self-paced at home
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Sold out



4-H Kits to Go! Stitchin' Circuits

- Date: December 2022
- Location: Self-paced at home
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Deadline: December 31, 2022
- Sold Out



4-H Wreath "N: Ribbons - Rescheduled

- December 12, 2022
- Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Location: Moved to Virtual/Self-paced at home
- Zoom Links will be emailed to registered participants
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Sold out



Stay up to date on 4-H Kits to Go! And Countywide project days through 4-H Online at:

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



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Clover Years of Service Awards

Volunteer Years of Service

5 Years—Silver

Kelli Reppart
Rosemarie Narregan
Tony McKee
Chelsey Sobraliski
Douglas Narregan
Heather Kaler
Jennifer Narregan
Kevin Kneibes
Mary Jo Canaday

10 Years—Gold

Timothy Baker
Betsy McCray
Tracy Clare
Herman Mattson
Wendy Foss

15 Years—Pearl

Katrina Schneider

20 Years—Diamond

John Andrasi
Paula Faulkner
Shelley Zeiger

35 Years—Sapphire

Patricia Dynes

45 Years—Emerald

Rosie Flanagan
Roxy Cochran

60 Years—Sapphire

Roberta Luttke

2022 Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition

The Berrien County 4-H Youth Program proudly presented the 2022 Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Pebblewood Banquet Hall in Bridgman. We would like to make everyone aware of the top awards given out. The program and awards were sponsored by both the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. and the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Berrien County 4-H Alumni Scholarship Award

The Berrien County 4-H Alumni Scholarship is awarded annually to a Berrien County 4-H alumni who has completed 5 years of membership including their senior year of high school, maintained a GPA of at least a 2.8 or higher, interviewed with the selection committee and submitted 3 letters of recommendation. Recipient received a \$1,000.00 scholarship towards their continuing education.

Ross Clare - Alumni of Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club

Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship Award

The Joseph Cerny & Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Berrien County 4-H alumni who has completed 5 years of membership including their senior year of high school, maintained a GPA of at least a 2.8 or higher, interviewed with the selection committee and submitted 3 letters of recommendation. Recipient received a \$1,000.00 scholarship towards their continuing education. Scholarship is sponsored by the Cerny Family.

Zeb Bodtke - Alumni of the We Can Ride 4-H Club

All-Achievement Award

The All-Achievement Award recognizes member's leadership and experience within a project area that they have completed for at least four years. Youth are only able to receive one All-Achievement in a project in their 4-H career.

Madeline Stockman – Horse and Pony
Evie Clare – Rabbits

Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'ers Award

The Leo Stanley Outstanding 4-H'er Award is the highest county honor a 4-H'er can receive and is sponsored by the Southwest Exchange Club of Michigan. Selection is made encompassing a member's whole 4-H career. A maximum of two youth can receive this honor each year.

Kyle Smith of the Galien Chanters 4-H Club and the Fuzzy Friends 4-H Club
Madeline Stockman of the Tryon 4-H Saddle Club

County Project Medals

The County Project Medals recognizes members within a project area that they have completed for at least three years. Youth are only able to receive one project medal in a project area in their 4-H career.

Brayden Lawson – Child Care/Child Development	Paul Pirri – Rabbits
Brayden Lawson – Gardening & Horticulture	Emma Zeiger – Horse & Pony
Brooklyn Wheeler – Llamas	Emma Zeiger – Poultry
	Kyle Smith – Quilting

4-H Senior Award

4-H Senior Awards were presented to Berrien County 4-H members who have been a member for five or more years and have plans to graduate from high school in the current 4-H year. Please note, cords will not be replaced if lost. 4-H Families are asked to request permission from their designated school in advance if there are any restrictions when it comes to wearing cords during graduation. If school restrictions do apply, we ask that all families respect school policy accordingly. 2022 4-H Senior Award

Recipients are as follows:

Paul Pirri – Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club
Dominic Foster – Countrysiders 4-H Club
Kyle Smith – Galien Chanters 4-H Club
Megan Trapp – Great Expectations 4-H Club
Cadience Benton – On the Rail 4-H Club
Elise Schmaltz – High Spirits 4-H Club
Darran Sebasty – Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club
Caitlyn Tucker – Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club
Hannah Kirk – Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club
Laila Roman – Redbud Country Goat 4-H Club
Emma Fanslau – River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club
Alyssa Garrison – Town and Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club
Ceili Oliver – Town and Country Paws & Pals 4-H Club
Camille Czech – Tumbleweeds 4-H Club



Outstanding 4-H Leader Award

The Outstanding 4-H Leader Award recognizes 4-H leaders for their volunteer service and leadership within their 4-H clubs as well as their leadership on county programs, committees, and activities that benefit the more than 500 youth and their families enrolled in Berrien County 4-H.

Colleen Melendy
Best Friends 4-H
Club

Cindy Nimiz
Great Expectations
4-H Club

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4-H Online is now OPEN!

4-H Online is now open for 4-H new year enrollments!
Login today to submit your annual enrollment.



2022 – 2023 deadlines are as follows:

- January 1 – Re-enrollment deadline
- June 1 – New Member deadline

Paper accommodations available upon request to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

Club Coordinator—Financial Bank Statements Due January 13

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Club Bank Statements for December 31 statements are due on January 13th. All Clubs must submit their bank statement. Statements can be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the afterhours drop mailbox out front or faxed to 269-944-4128. Please note, clubs that already have their statements mailed directly to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office on monthly/bi-monthly basis may disregard.

4-H Volunteer Enrollment Changes Notice

Beginning on July 1, MSU Extension changed the annual compliance process for all volunteers. Moving forward, a background check authorization will not be required beyond the initial authorization submitted at the time of application. Furthermore, background checks will be conducted during a volunteer's birth month. A courtesy email will be sent to the volunteer at least two weeks prior to the date of the background check. If a volunteer plans to remain active, no action is required until their Volunteer Code of Conduct is due.

If the volunteer would like to resign or has already left the program, the volunteer can respond asking MSU Extension to change their activity status and not conduct the background check. It is recommended that volunteers review and complete the Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver annually to ensure emergency medical information is up-to-date. On occasion, MSU Extension will make updates to the Volunteer Code of Conduct. When this happens, volunteers will be notified and provided with a timeframe in which they must login to <https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/> volunteer login and update their Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver once, either in-person or virtually through Volunteer Central.



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Berrien County 4-H Foundation

The Berrien County 4-H Foundation is a non-profit corporation created to provide income to finance 4-H youth programs throughout Berrien County. The 4-H Foundation assets are overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors and Advisors who represent a cross-section of people with diverse backgrounds and expertise. Every donation is placed into an investment trust fund. The principle is not touched. Income earned from the trust fund is applied to educational youth programming. Your gift helps youth throughout Berrien County.

Why does the Berrien County 4-H Foundation need my help?

Federal, state, and county resources contribute to the 4-H program, as do the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council, 4-H Club leaders and parents. These combined contributions fall short of what is needed to adequately support youth.

What benefit will I receive from my donation?

Besides the wonderful feeling of helping 4-H youth to succeed, there may be tax incentives for individuals and businesses.

How do I make my donation?

Your donation should be made payable to the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc. Most donors use one of these methods:

- Cash or Check
- Pledge payable over a three-year period
- Memorial or tribute in honor of special people or occasions
- Planned giving—Estates/Wills
- Annual giving

Save the Dates for the 2023 Youth Equine Events!

- MI 4-H Horse Judges and Show Volunteers Conference - **January 14-15**
 - Department of Animal Science and the MI 4-H Horse Judges Advisory Committee and open to all Judges, Horse Show Managers, and adult Volunteers.
 - Registration Cost \$80
 - **Register by January 6, 2023** at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-horse-judges-and-show-volunteers-conference>
- Horse Judging Workshop and Mini Contest - **February 3-4**
- MI 4-H Hippology Contest - **March 18**
- Hairy Horse Show - **April 15**
- MI 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest - **April 16**
- State 4-H Horse Show - **August 18-20**



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4-H Animal Science Career Quest

4-H Animal Science Career Quest will make its return February 18th & 19th, 2023! This event gives youth an opportunity to explore the many career options that are available within the fields of animal science and veterinary medicine, as well as the MSU programs that will help get them there.

Please save the date for this event and keep an eye out for registration information!

Save The Date: 4-H State Goat Show

The 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show will be held on Saturday, June 17th at the MSU Pavilion South Barn. We are excited for this show to make its return for the first time since 2019!

More information will be available in the spring. Mark your calendars - you will not want to miss it!

MI 4-H Dairy Conference Save the Date

Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference returns in 2023! Keep an eye

on <https://www.facebook.com/MichiganDairyYouthProgram/> and https://www.canr.msu.edu/dairy_cattle/ for updates and registration information. Contact Melissa Elischer (elischer@msu.edu) with questions.

Save the date! World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute

Are you interesting in interact with global leaders in science, agriculture, industry and policy? Would you like to meet innovative professionals, researchers, professors and college students working to end hunger and poverty and improve food security in Michigan and around the world? The World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute is scheduled for May 11, 2023 with options for in person and virtual participation!

Who: Students in grades 7 - 12 during the 2022-23 school year are eligible to register by submitting a 3-to-5-page paper.

Cost: Free.

Registration deadline: March 15, 2023

Details of the event and the 2023 Michigan Youth Institute Global Challenge guidebook can be accessed now from the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute webpage <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Youth interested in participating can contact Clara Jungermann, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu for more information and for help writing the challenge paper.

Shooting Sports dates for your calendar

- December 15, 2022 – January 2, 2023 [Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl](#)
- Spring - Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel
- June 11 - [SW Michigan 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Tournament](#)
- June – National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships, Grand Island, NE
- August 18 – [Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament](#) (aka State Shoot)
- Fall - Mail-In Match – statewide competition without travel

Michigan 4-H Day



at the

Breslin Center



February 12, 2023

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

When: February 12, 2023. Ishbia Gate (formerly Southwest Harrison) will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at **1:30 p.m.** Game time will be **3:00 p.m.**

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

Who: The Michigan 4-H community including MSU Extension and 4-H youth, volunteers, partners, stakeholders, alumni, staff and 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.

Get in the game!

Tickets will be available mid-December. For ordering information, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>.

For additional information, contact your county MSU Extension office or email **Laura Potter-Niesen** at potterla@msu.edu

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Shop the Michigan 4-H store this holiday season



Buy your favorite Michigan 4-H apparel and essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store!

Offered in collaboration with National 4-H Council through Shop 4-H, the Michigan 4-H store offers Michigan 4-H branded apparel and other gifts. Visit the store online and find the perfect item for your favorite 4-H'er, volunteer, alumni, professional or fan! The shop is open to the public and a percentage of all proceeds will be donated to Michigan 4-H.

To order Michigan 4-H specific items, visit <https://bit.ly/30pdNJw>. The store will remain open beyond the holiday season to continue offering Michigan 4-H branded gear to the Michigan 4-H community.

December 13: Wild Spartans Series

Online

Are you a Wild Spartan? Join us for this free monthly fisheries and wildlife research webinar series for families interested in exploring science, careers and conservation. Pre-registration is required:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/wildspartans2023/>

December 13: Wild Spartans –Special Education to Wildlife Biologist

Online

Take a closer look at charismatic microfauna and hop along to uncover the hidden world of herpetology. Meet Erim Gómez, assistant professor of wildlife biology at the University of Montana. Learn about his field work and the education and career path he followed to get there. Youth will partake in a live Q&A. This free series is open to youth ages 12-19 years.

December 14: Cloverbud Fun Night

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, Kalamazoo

Join us for a day of games, activities and crafting fun!

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/cloverbud-fun-night-december-2022>

December 15 –January 2: Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl

Online

4-H members are encouraged to test their knowledge of wildlife and natural resources in the 2022 Hunting & Wildlife Quiz Bowl. Ages 5-19 welcome to play.

December 31: 2022 Re-Certification for Shooting Sports Instructors

Online

Deadline for instructor re-certification efforts. Policy and application available online.

January 7: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Four Square Sportsman's Association, Jeddo

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Registration deadline is December 15.



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Opportunity to teach at 4-H Exploration Days 2023

Annually, MSU Extension holds [4-H Exploration Days](#), a pre-college program for more than 1000 youth (ages 12-19 years old) from across the state. This exciting program allows youth to try new things, gain confidence and independence through hands-on learning, and make friends that can last a lifetime. The 2023 event is set for June 21-23 on the campus of MSU.

This exciting event is a team effort and we need you! We're currently seeking inspiring and fun educational and free time session proposals. Think outside the box for ideas! Youth like sessions on career paths, cutting edge research/work, animals, life skills for their future, recreational activities and new and emerging activities/topics. Some of the areas requested by youth also include: robotics, drones, music, outdoor activities like biking, rappelling, kayaking and nature sessions.



Session and free time proposal requests are now open until December 5. More information on the adult instructor role and the youth co-instructor role, as well as details about proposal requirements, can be found at

States' 4-H International Exchange Programs 2023 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Costa Rica · Japan · South Korea



Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth programs in other countries?
Travel abroad with States' 4-H and enter a world that most tourists rarely get to see.

Travel abroad with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs

Want to see another part of the world? Michigan 4-H is accepting applications for the Summer 2023 outbound international exchange program! Explore a new country and culture via an immersive international exchange experience.

Michigan 4-H has been in a partnership with States' 4-H International Exchange Programs for many years and through this collaboration, American 4-H youth have the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a month-long cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer

host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Enrich your 4-H experience and apply today to travel abroad in the summer 2023! Michigan 4-H is currently planning to offer trips to Japan, Costa Rica and South Korea. Visit [to learn more](#) and apply by January 1, 2023.

Support Michigan 4-H with holiday shopping!

Get ready for the holidays AND support 4-H with purchases on AmazonSmile, SHOP 4-H Online and at JOANN's Fabric.

AmazonSmile will give 0.5% of eligible purchases to the Michigan 4-H Foundation when you shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1539997>. Buy your 4-H essentials at the SHOP 4-H Online Store (<https://shop4-h.org/?rfsn=871792.16dd0>) and 5% 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% while also giving 2.5% back to the National 4-H Council.



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Berrien County 4-H Youth Development



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