

Berrien County 4-H Spotlight

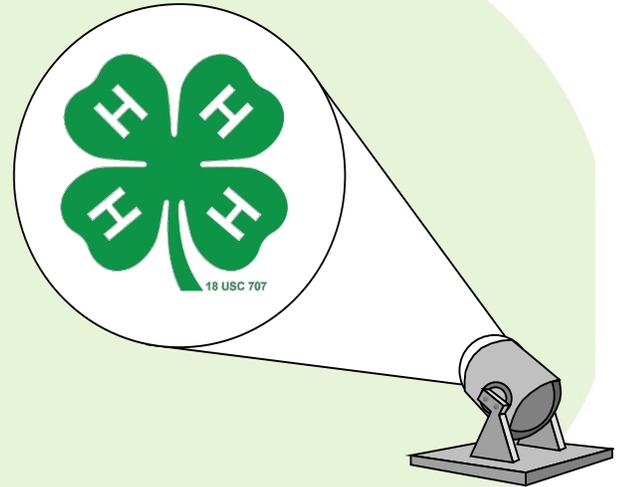
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4-H Candy Bar Fundraiser

It's Fall Fundraiser time! We will be selling World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars again this year. 4-H Clubs are able to sell candy bars for \$1.00. Candy bars come in Variety Carriers and will include the following flavors Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate, Wafer, Crispy and Almond. Please note the following 2023 deadlines for ordering:

Friday, September 1, 2023: 1st Order Submission Forms Due

September 16—23, 2023: Candy Bars expected to arrive

Friday, October 13, 2023: 2nd Order Submission Forms Due

Monday, December 1, 2023: All Money Due

For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Fundraising Co-Chairs, Chelsey Sobralski-Cole at sobralski.c@gmail.com or via phone at 269-487-8279 or Heather Boyle at hboyle@lpslancer.net or via phone at 269-757-4369.

2022 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Nominations Save the Date!

As the 4-H year comes to an end, now is the time to start thinking about recognizing club members and leaders for their amazing accomplishments throughout the 2022- 2023 4-H year. The newly updated 2023 Berrien County 4-H Recognition Handbook has been sent out to Club Coordinators/ Administrative Leaders. Please note, nomination forms and applications are due back to the Berrien County MSU Extension office no later than

September 22, 2022.

Forms, Record Books, and applications can be submitted by the following methods:

- Dropping off at the Berrien County MSU Extension office in Benton Harbor, MI
- Mailing forms to the Berrien County MSU Extension office in Benton Harbor, MI
- Emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu
- Emailing Clara Jungermann-Dickinson, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu
- Dropping off at the Annual Leader Update Training

For questions about Recognition please reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or by emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu or Clara Jungermann-Dickinson, 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu.



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2023 4-H Senior Award Cords Nominations Due **September 22, 2022**

Each year Berrien County 4-H Senior Awards are 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 during the current 4-H year.

4-H Senior Award Cords are presented during the Berrien County 4-H Member & Leader Recognition Banquet that is held in the fall of each year.

If you are eligible for a 4-H Senior Award Cord, please talk to your local 4-H Club Coordinator. Club Coordinator and Administrative Leader verification/nominations are due back no later than September 22, 2023. Nominations/Verifications can be submitted by Club Coordinators on the Berrien County 4-H Nomination Form in the Berrien County 4-H Recognition Handbook.

Berrien County Family Host Japanese Chaperone for Michigan 4-H International Exchange Summer Program

The Schlipp Family of the River Valley Wranglers 4-H Club hosted Meeya from Japan, from July 23 – August 16, 2023. Meeya served as the chaperone for 12 youth from Japan who were in Michigan as a part of the 4-H International Exchange program. The 12 youth were located throughout Michigan learning about our culture and participating in 4-H activities and programs. The youth from Japan also had the chance to share their own culture with their host family.

During Meeya's time in Berrien County, she helped with farm chores including helping to prepare for fair, she learned how to ride a horse and spent time visiting Lake Michigan beaches. Meeya also taught the family how to cook traditional Japanese meals! This was Meeya's third time visiting the United States but first-time visiting Michigan!



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Upcoming Countywide Projects & 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.

4-H Kit to Go! Solar Oven S'mores!

- Date: August 2023
- Location: Self-paced at home
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Sold Out
- Mailed out/ready for pick up at the Berrien County MSUE Office

4-H Kit to Go! Cup-A-Cake with a Soil Test on the Side

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4-H Kit to Go! Tails, Hawks & Snouts

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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> or by following our Facebook page @ Berrien County 4-H Youth Programs.

4-H Kit to Go! for August
Solar Oven S'mores!



Are you ready for S'more summer fun before school starts? Join us in making your own solar-oven so you can enjoy S'mores without the campfire!

Register through 4-H Online 2.0 or contact your local 4-H Office!



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4-H Kit to Go! For July



Cup-A-Cake
With a soil test
on the side

Enjoy a tasty cup cake treat while learning more about your soil, and soils around you.



Register through 4-H Online 2.0 or contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

4-H Kit to Go!
for July

Tails, Hawks & Snouts



Explore the world of swine science.

Register through 4-H Online 2.0 or contact your local 4-H Office!



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4-H Online New Member Enrollment!



4-H Online Rollover will occur on **August 31, 2023**. There will be a brief shutdown of the system for its annual updates from **September 1-15, 2023**. Member will be able to access the system on **September 16, 2023**, to start enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year!

2023 – 2024 deadlines are as follows:

- January 1, 2024 – Re-enrollment deadline
- June 1, 2024 – New Member deadline

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

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 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. EST—Buchanan Westerners Riding Center
- September 20, 2023 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.

Volunteer Enrollment!

4-H Volunteers are no longer required to enroll in 4-H Online, all Berrien County 4-H Volunteers who are compliant will automatically be enrolled in the 4-H Online system. To remain compliant please keep your Volunteer Central Profile up to date with current contact information and ensure all learning modules have been completed by logging into your unique profile at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/volunteer_login.

Those who would like to apply to be a new volunteer with Berrien County 4-H can complete an application at https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/application_info or contact the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674 or by contacting Clara Jungermann 4-H Program Coordinator at jungerma@msu.edu, or Kelly Stelter 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@msu.edu.



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4-H Leaders Council Annual Election!

The 4-H Leaders Council is currently seeking names of teens and adult leaders who would be interested in serving on the Council. Adult leaders serve a term of 3 years, while teen leaders serve a 2-year term. Leaders Council serves as Board of Directors of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association. It also serves as the counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinators. The Council usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at the MSUE Office in Benton Harbor.

Vacancies to be filled:

- One (1) - Teen Leaders
- Five (5) - Adult Leaders

Interested individuals can make submissions by emailing Shelley Zeiger at shelleyzeiger@icloud.com or by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension office. Deadline for interest is **September 22, 2023**. For questions contact Elections Chair Shelley Zeiger at shelleyzeiger@icloud.com

Annual County Curriculum Order

Taking new projects! Need a Member Record Book? Leveling Up in your project? Need a new project book? Don't waste time, reach out to your local 4-H Project Leader on what resource books you need as we look towards kicking off the new 4-H year!

This year's countywide curriculum order is scheduled to be placed on January 1, 2024. Club Coordinator & Project Leaders can submit their requests for member & leader resources by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. When requesting, please include Club Name, Resource Name (s), & # needed.

Club Coordinator— Annual Financial Summary Report Forms

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms is **OCTOBER 14, 2023**.

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.

Forms can be found online at: [https:// www.canr.msu.edu/ berrien/ berrien_county_4_h/ leader-resources/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/leader-resources/)



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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

Wild Spartans Self-Paced Videos

Are you looking for something to do as a rainy-day learning activity? Maybe you missed our 4-H Wild Spartans Series this winter? Did you know that every session of our 4-H Wild Spartans is recorded and available on our website?

View on your own time and learn about careers working in natural resources from professionals who share their experiences in the field, the education and career path they've followed, and offer tips for youth!

https://www.canr.msu.edu/environmental_outdoor_education/wild-spartans-series



Available on Video!

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ADULTING 101

FALL 2023 SERIES



REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ANR.MSU.EDU/ADULT101FALL23/](https://events.anr.msu.edu/adult101fall23/)

- **SEPT. 18 AT 5PM:** YOUR WORDS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: HOW TO USE YOUR VOICE FOR POSITIVE COMMUNITY CHANGE
- **OCT. 18 AT 6PM:** WEALTH BUILDING
- **NOV. 8 AT 6PM:** WORKPLACE PROFESSIONALISM



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2023 Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Register Today for the Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration! Do you love arts & crafts? Do you enjoy sewing & textiles? Does sharing creative arts activities with your 4-H'ers provide you with enjoyment?

Then register today for the *2023 Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration Overnight Workshop* held October 14-15, 2023!

The deadline to register for the event held at the beautiful DNR Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center, Roscommon is

September 20, 2023! Connect with

instructors, reconnect, or make new friends, be creative, learn new projects, and have an enjoyable experience! This event is open to volunteers and teen

leaders (13-19 years) who work with youth in a variety of educational settings. This workshop is sponsored with a grant from the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



Register Now! <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CreativeArts/>

A Balancing Act – Webinar for Teens

Do you need tips to help you keep your life balanced? Are you looking to stay ahead of your obligations related to school, work, and your social life? How do you make sure you take time for yourself?

In this **FREE**, virtual class, you will learn how to organize and prioritize your life in order to achieve success. Presented by two recent college students, "A Balancing Act" will offer you a framework for success in your day-to-day responsibilities, and how to use the resources out there to blend them into a system that works for you.

This is a great virtual class, being held on **September 28, 2023, from 5-6pm ET**, is perfect for students

starting a new school year! Anyone looking to maintain balance in their lives is encouraged to attend!

For more information and to register, go to: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/balancingact>

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- GO TO CLASSES
- WORK A SHIFT
- SEE FAMILY
- HANGOUT W/ FRIENDS
- TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF

Struggling to balance it all? Need tips on how to organize and prioritize to achieve success? Join us on September 28th from 5-6pm for a FREE crash-course on balancing your life!

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Share Your 4-H Story!



Across the state, Michigan 4-H has grown 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 and 4-H alums to share their own testimonials of how 4-H has influenced their 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.

September 6: Welcome Back MSU 4-H Alumni Reception

Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture, East Lansing

If you are a current or former 4-H'er attending MSU this fall, stop by outside the Justin S. Morrill Hall of Agriculture from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. for networking and free dinner!

www.canr.msu.edu/events/msu-welcome-week-4-h-alumni-reception

September 16-17: 4-H Shooting Sports Workshop

Shiawassee Conservation Association, Owosso

Adult and teen 4-H volunteers can learn about 4-H shooting sports' mission policy, risk management and safety, discipline-specific equipment use and care, how to teach shooting fundamentals to youth, range set-up, and more.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-workshop-owosso-1

September 18: Adulthood 101 - How to Tell Principals & Politicians They are Full of Poop While Being Polite

Online

This session will provide some skills and practice on how to influence people in power to make change in your community and world.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/adulthood1019-18-23

September 21: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar Series - Spice up Your 4-H Experiences with 4-H Resources

Online

This session will explore a variety of resources that 4-H volunteers can use in meetings to support Michigan 4-H'ers.

12-1 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources

7-8 p.m. session: www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-spice-up-your-4-h-experiences-with-4-h-resources7pm

September 29: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing

Agenda items include 2023 president's report, audited financial statement report, trustee elections, and recognition of major donors to Michigan 4-H within the past year.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting

October 4: Michigan 4-H Day at the Capitol

Heritage Hall, Lansing

Education and awareness event to elevate knowledge of Michigan 4-H and to share the impact of its programming across Michigan.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-day-at-the-capitol



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2023 Michigan 4-H State Award winners announced

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program recognized outstanding 4-H members during the opening session of 4-H Exploration Days on June 22. At the event, honorees had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments with their fellow 4-H Exploration Days participants.

A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on Michigan 4-H members and recognizes a level of excellence in learning, leadership and service. In total, 22 4-H members from 15 counties submitted applications to take part in this year's program.



"All of our 4-H'ers across the state are amazing but the youth honored with 4-H State Awards are some of our most accomplished," said Julie Chapin, state 4-H leader for Michigan and director of MSU Extension's children and youth programs. "They have demonstrated their dedication to improving themselves and their communities through 4-H, service and more."

Michigan 4-H State Awards were presented in 13 of the 20 available award categories that showcase the diverse array of 4-H knowledge, skills and experience. Recipients of the 2023 awards are:

- **Beef Science:** Caleb Souva of Branch County (junior division) and Bridget Paidl of Menominee County (senior division)
- **Birds & Poultry Science:** Makayla King of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Career Development:** Avery Stallman of Macomb County (junior division)
- **Companion Animal Science:** Stellamia Aerts of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Environmental Science:** Amanda Towne of Van Buren County (senior division)
- **Gardening and Horticulture:** Katie Miller of Eaton County (junior division)
- **Goat Science:** Dori Stuever of Huron County (senior division)
- **Leadership:** Makayla Chew of Midland County (junior division) and Alexis Fisher of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Rabbit and Cavy Science:** Brandon Fisher of Monroe County (junior division) and Morgan Bliesener of Ingham County (senior division)
- **Shooting Sports:** Justin Yarger of Monroe County (senior division)
- **Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM):** Peter Rambadt of St. Joseph County (senior division)
- **Swine Science:** Joseph Endres of Isabella County (junior division)
- **Visual, Performing and Expressive Arts:** Alana Aulph of Monroe County (senior division)

The Michigan 4-H State Awards Program is open to 4-H members who are 13-19 years old with three or more years of 4-H experience. To qualify for the award, 4-H'ers must submit a written application that showcases the learning experiences, knowledge and skills they've acquired through their participation in 4-H, as well as their contributions to their local 4-H programs, clubs and communities. Submissions are reviewed by the Michigan 4-H State Awards selection committee. This group of volunteers, staff members and industry experts determine which members are selected as award finalists. All applicants receive written feedback from selection committees.

In addition to a plaque, each 4-H State Award winner in the senior division will also receive a \$200 cash award; junior winners receive \$50 cash awards. These awards are made possible by generous donations to the Michigan 4-H Foundation.



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