

# Berrien County MSU Extension Office County Closed Dates:

Friday, April 19, 2019 Monday, May 27, 2019

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.

**Upcoming Deadlines:** 

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April 1, 2019	4-H Senior Award Nomination Forms Due
April 13, 2019	4-H Exploration Days Registration Closes
May 1, 2019	4-H Countywide Project—May Registration Closes
May 10, 2019	4-H Spring Achievement Early Evaluation Forms Due
June 1, 2019	Re-Enrollment Deadline
July 6, 2019	4-H Versatility Scholarship Event Applications Due
July 12, 2019	4-H Alumni Scholarship Applications & Documents Due
July 15, 2019	4-H Equine Educational Scholarship Application & Documents Due

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http://msue.anr.msu.edu/ county/berrien/ berrien\_county\_4\_h

### **Facebook**

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Your 4-H Youth
Development Staff

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Registration
available for the
4-H Animal &
Veterinary
Science Camp



The 4-H Animal &
Veterinary Science Camp
is now accepting
applications through
April 3.

This five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University is open to 4-H members between the ages of 13 and 17.

Youth will explore fields related to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities.

Learn more and register today at <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\_h\_a">https://www.canr.msu.edu/4\_h\_a</a> nimal veterinary science \_\_camp/.

Berrien County 4-H has a limited number of partial scholarships for 4-H members to attend if selected. Call the Berrien County MSU Extension Office to learn more.

### **Countywide Project April—Ceramics Workshop**

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

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

Registering by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or online at <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4HCeramicsWorkshop">https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4HCeramicsWorkshop</a> . Workshop is limited to 25 youth.

### Save the Date—Annual Leader Update Training

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

September 19 at 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. September 19 at 6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office—Benton Harbor, MI

Register by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or online <a href="https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien 4HLeaderUpdate2019/">https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien 4HLeaderUpdate2019/</a>

# 4-H Alumni & Joseph Cerny and Evelyn Cerny Memorial Scholarships

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 not awarded to one recipient in the same year, an eligible applicant may 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.

Applications are available at the MSU Extension office, by emailing Kelly Stelter at grandtke@msu.edu or online at <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county 4 h/scholarships-awards/scholarships">https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county 4 h/scholarships-awards/scholarships</a>.

# Pledge your hands to larger service this April with the #DaretoServeChallenge!

Every day, 4-H'ers are rolling up their sleeves in service as they lead positive change that empowers their peers and their communities. This April, 4-H is launching the annual True Leaders in Service initiative to unite 4-H members across the country in making a collective positive impact in their communities. All 4-H'ers are encouraged to venture out into their community to lend a helping hand in a way that is meaningful to them: neighborhood clean-ups, beautification projects, food and donation drives and much more!

This year, members of the Michigan 4-H State Youth Leadership Council are issuing a special challenge to their fellow Michigan 4-H members, as well as volunteers, alumni and staff. They have created the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge, which seeks to inspire everyone in Michigan 4-H to do at least one thing to serve their community during the month of April. Their goal: have at least one 4-H led community service project completed in each of Michigan's 83 counties during the month of April! Imagine how big of an impact we can have if each of us chooses to lend our hands to larger service!

### Here's how it works:

- 1. Join with others, or work on your own, to plan a service project in your community that you think will make a positive difference.
- 2. Register your project and add it to the map showing all the community service projects taking place in Michigan. This will help others find your service opportunity so they can take part, too!
- 3. When you complete your service project, share it on social media and tag a Michigan 4 -H friend to whom you want to issue the Michigan 4-H Dare to Serve Challenge! Use the hashtags #MI4H #DareToServeChallenge and #TrueLeaders to connect with others who are making a difference.

If someone is issued the Dare to Serve challenge, but chooses not to complete a community



service activity, they can choose to offer their support instead by making a donation to the Michigan 4-H Foundation at <a href="https://mi4hfdtn.org/">https://mi4hfdtn.org/</a>.

### Learn more!

Visit <a href="www.canr.msu.edu/">www.canr.msu.edu/</a>
<a href="community-service-learning/dare-to-serve-challenge">www.canr.msu.edu/</a>
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## Raise Your Hand for



### Michigan 4-H!

From April 1 to May 15, 4-H youth, alumni, friends and supporters have the opportunity to help Michigan 4-H win \$20,000 as part of the Raise Your Hand campaign.

Simply visit <a href="http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand">http://www.4-H.org/RaiseYourHand</a> to register and show your support of 4-H. Anyone can raise their hand, even if they participated in previous years! Each hand raised (registered) before May 15 counts as a vote and the states with the most hands raised will receive a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award.

Do your part and help grow Michigan 4-H experiences for additional youth in our state! After registering, make sure to share this opportunity with other fellow 4-H supporters and ask them to raise their hands as well.

### STATE 4-H GOAT EXPO

### Contests:

- Quiz Bowl
- Breed Judging
- Skill-a-thon
- Illustrated talk
- Creative Writing
- Educational Posters
- Arts & Crafts
- Extemporaneous Public Speaking

### Cost:

\$6per participant, \$4 per contest

### Age Requirements:

All exhibitors must be aged 8 to 19 as of January 1, 2019. Want to become a 4-H member? Contact your county MSU Extension Office today!

### Find out more...

For more information contact your county MSU Extension office or call Katie Ockert at (517) 432-5270 or ockertka@msu.edu Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested on your registration form.

### To Register visit

https://events.anr.msu.edu/2019goatexpo/

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April 13, 2019

Michigan State University, Anthony Hall East Lansing, MI

The Michigan 4-H Goat Show is sponsored by Michigan 4-H Youth Development Programs, Michigan State University Extension.

Berrien County 4-H is offering partial scholarships for members to attend the 2019 State 4-H Goat Expo. Scholarships can b requested by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.



# 2019 Spring Achievement May 17 & 18, 2019 Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs

Spring Achievement is a 4-H Exhibition where 4-H'ers showcase their project achievements over the last year! 2019 Handbooks are now available at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office, online or talk to your local Club Coordinator.

- Bring the HEAD HEART HANDS & HEALTH of 4-H to life!
- Provide opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate project-learned skills while building their portfolio.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to publicly display their accomplishments.
- Provide 4-H members a supportive evaluation for each of their projects.
- Provide the community an opportunity to see the quality and quantity of work being done by 4-H'ers.
- Attract new members to the Berrien County 4-H Program.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to compete for special recognition of their projects.
- Provide 4-H members, leaders, and parents an opportunity to meet other 4-H families.
- Provide an opportunity to demonstrate

### There are three age divisions:

Cloverbuds: ages 5—7 years Junior: 8—14 years Senior: 15—19 years

All county-wide projects that have been created after the completion of the 2018 Spring Achievement are eligible to be evaluated at Spring Achievement. Project identification cards can be picked up starting on May 1, 2019 or clubs may request cards to be mailed to Club Coordinator by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

This year there are a wide variety of demonstrations and exhibits being offered. Some of the exhibits and demonstrations include: 4-H dog project evaluation, poultry demo, llamas, miniature horse, rabbit & cavy demo and much more. All demonstrations are open to the public on Saturday, May 18, 2019. No admission fee..

The Berrien County 4-H Style Review will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 5:00—6:00 PM at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. Participants will need to submit a narrative form in advance. Please make sure narration forms are legible. Sequence of style review will be knitting and crocheting, personalization and sewing. For questions about the 4-H Style Review contact Tracie Baker at nolanjames1214@aol.com.

In order to make the event successful we need volunteers! If interested contact the Berrien County MSU Extension office at 269-927-5674.

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# **Tentative Schedule:**

### Thursday, May 16

TBD—Early Evaluation

### Friday, May 17

4:00-8:00 PM

- ◆ Evaluations Begin 4:00—8:00 PM
- Demonstrations
   Exhibit Set-up

### Saturday, May 18

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

- Activities & DemosOpen
- ◆ 4-H Live Animal Exhibits Open

Noon-3:00 PM

- ◆ 4-H Dog Project Evaluation Demo 3:30 PM—5:00 PM
- ◆ 4-H Style Review 6:00 PM (Sharp)
- Projects, Demos &
   Exhibits Released

Demonstrations will be added until May 1, 2019

### **JOANN & 4-H Partnership: Clover for Kids**

The JOANN clover fundraising campaign will run March 1 – April 30, 2019 this year. The JOANN's campaign has a new name: "Clovers for Kids."

During the campaign period, JOANN stores nationwide will ask their customers to donate to 4-H. Both \$1 and \$4 donations are available. Purchase of \$4 donation comes with a \$4 off a future purchase coupon.



The Michigan distribution is the same:

50% to county 4-H programs

5% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops

5% to support 4-H participation fee sponsorships

5% to the State 4-H Office

5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation

30% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the campaign.

There is no in-store activity component to the JOANN's campaign this year, but we encourage you as always to reach out and say thank you to your local store for their participation.

### Coin Box

JOANN stores have a coin box that sits at each register, featuring a different group each quarter. Beginning this quarter (Feb. 1), donations will go to 4-H because of our Clover for Kids promotion in March and April. Stores don't always get the new signage up right away so it may be a slow transition, but you may see it popping up in stores as the month goes on. The funds from that will be rolled into any clover sales at the end of the campaign.

### **JOANN Rewards Card**

JOANN offers a special 15% off rewards coupon to 4-H staff, leaders, members, and families. Full details about the program can be found at <a href="https://www.joann.com/4-h">https://www.joann.com/4-h</a>. A small portion (2.5-5%) of qualified purchases go back to the 4-H program from this. The rewards card is done through an app on your smart phone or by email and does not require participants to reregister each year.

### 4-H Fabric

4-H fabric has officially arrived at JOANN's stores. 4-H fabric comes in a variety of patterns & colors. Fabrics are limited to cotton and fleece. 4-H fabrics can be purchased online or in-store.

### TSC & 4-H Partnership: Spring Paper Clover Campaign

Dates for the 2019 Tractor Supply Co. (TSC) Paper Clover Fundraising Campaigns are:

Spring: March 27 – April 7, 2019 Fall: October 9-20, 2019

During these dates, 4-H supporters can purchase a paper clover at

<u>Tractor Supply Co.</u> stores for \$1 to support the local 4-H program. Berrien County TSC stores include Stevensville & Niles location.

Michigan distribution is the same:

70% is donated to the county program

10% to support 4-H volunteer and teen leadership training/workshops

5% to the State 4-H Office

5% to the Michigan 4-H Foundation

10% goes back to National 4-H Council for underwriting the program.

### **TSC State Contest**

Instead of the TSC in-store sweepstakes program, this year TSCI is offering a contest! TSC will be awarding the top five states that increase their funds (based on percent increase over last spring) an additional \$2,000 to go to the state 4-H program!



Explore the exciting field of natural resources with one of Michigan State University Extension's premier pre-college programs! Discover more about coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology, invasive species and wetlands with this seven-day exploration camp!

4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resources campers will stay on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle. While at camp, they'll enjoy a mix of learning experiences and recreational opportunities that may include:

- Hunting for aquatic invasive species and using technology tools to map the threats.
- · Hiking the beaches and dunes of Lake Huron while exploring coastal wetlands.
- Interacting with leading scientists and professionals from MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and others.
- · Studying water samples and freshwater marine biology.
- Fishing, kayaking, canoeing, swimming and snorkeling.
- Learning about future careers in the natural resources field.
- Contributing to conservation stewardship in the Great Lakes.
- · Lighthouse tours, fossil hunting, archery and sailing.
- Applying the scientific process.



### MSU PRE-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Campers who enter 8th, 9th or 10th grades following their involvement are eligible for nomination to apply for a \$2000 MSU Pre-College Achievement Scholarship, Campers will be invited to apply based on criteria such as attitude, behavior and active participation. For more information, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/ program/info/4\_h\_scholarships\_and\_recognition\_program.

### August 4-10, 2019

Camp Chickagami Presque Isle. Michigan

### APPLY!

Youth aged 13 to 15 can go to http://msue. anr.msu.edu/program/ info/4 h great lakes natural resources camp to apply. Space is limited! Campers will be selected on the basis of their applications.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Laura Potter-Niesen at 517-432-2963 or potterla@msu.edu to learn more.

### LOW COST!

The cost to attend this five-day camp is just \$375 (\$395 for youth who are not 4-H members) and includes all meals, transportation to field trips, lodging and materials.







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Berrien County 4-H is offering two scholarships in the amount of \$187.50 to attend the 2019 4-H Great Lakes & Natural Resource Camp. 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.



# Come to 4-H Exploration Days!

# JUNE 19-21, 2019 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,400 participants from all across Michigan.

This program is like no other teen conference you'll ever attend!

- Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions in your favorite interest areas.
- Develop your leadership abilities and enhance your individual growth.
- Learn new ideas, skills and techniques you can use at home or in your 4-H group and community.
- Make friends and enjoy leisure activities on the beautiful MSU campus.

### Ask anyone who has attended

4-H Exploration Days is an exciting experience that can change your outlook. It's an experience that can change your life! We'll look for you this year at 4-H Exploration Days—MSU's largest precollege program!



### Costs

The full-time participant fee is \$220. (Youth who aren't yet enrolled in 4-H pay an additional \$20 4-H participation fee.) This includes all meals, shared lodging, sessions and an event T-shirt. Check with your local MSU Extension office to see if scholarship funds are available.

### Entertainment

An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the worldclass Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!

### Other highlights of 4-H Exploration Days 2019 include:

- Experience life at MSU just like a college student
- Meeting people from across the state
- Enjoy additional activities like:
- Dance
- The Dairy Store
- Planetarium Show
- Museums
- Ice Skating
- Campus Facility Tours

### Don't wait...

Registration begins March 12, 2019. The deadline for returning your registration form to your local MSU Extension office is April 30, 2019, but don't wait — some sessions fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, visit the 4-H Exploration Days website at: canr.msu.edu/4\_h\_exploration\_days/ or contact your local MSU Extension office for a registration book.

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Berrien County 4-H program offers a variety of scholarships to 4-H members who are attending. Scholarships include: \$155.00 Youth Program Scholarship, \$25.00 Horse & Pony Project Member Scholarship. For eligibility contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

### Save the Date: 4-H Horse Clinics Announced

The Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association would be hosting three horse clinics throughout the summer focusing on various topics to provide youth with educational opportunities for hands on learning with their horse and pony projects.

Dates with Topics:

April 27, 2019 at Buchanan Westerners Riding Club Topic: Showmanship & Halter Fitting

June 9, 2019 at Buchanan Westerners Riding Club Topic: Equitation & Saddle Fitting

July 20, 2019 at Buchanan Westerners Riding Club Topic: Western Horsemanship & Saddle Fitting

Registration, requirements and clinic details will be available online for each clinic starting April 8, 2019 at: <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county-4-h/">https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county-4-h/</a> associations-committees-/berrien-county-4-h-horse-leaders

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

### 4-H Versatility Scholarship Event—NEW CLASSES & TIME

Date: Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 4:00 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, 2019. Exhibitors must be enrolled in Berrien County 4-H Horse and Pony Project by June 1, 2019.

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.

Classes include: Showmanship, English Equitation, Western Horsemanship & Gymkhana: Speed & 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 Friday, July 5, 2019.

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

By calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 Online at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien county 4 h/associations-committees/berrien-county-4-h-horse-leaders

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.

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# 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.

Applicants must b e 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.

Applications are due by July 15, 2019 to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office. Applications can be found online at:

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

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### April 4: 4-H Healthy Living Showcase

Online Webinar

Learn about Michigan 4-H curriculum related to nutrition, physical fitness, gardening and mental health from the comfort of your home.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-healthy-living-curriculum-showcase

### April II: Financial Fitness

Farmington Branch Library, Farmington

Pump up your savings to meet your financial goals by learning more about stocks, bonds and investments. Registration is required.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/financial-fitness

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### April 13: Michigan 4-H Goat Expo

MSU - Anthony Hall, East Lansing

The State 4-H Goat Expo is designed for 4-H members interested in live animal evaluation and in testing their knowledge of the goat industry in a fun and educational manner. https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-goat-expo

### April 16: 4-H Junior Master Gardener Workshop

MSU Detroit Center, Detroit

Become a certified Junior Master Gardener during this one-day workshop comprised of both lecture and hands-on activities. Registration is required.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-junior-master-gardener-workshop-april-2019

### April 26-28: Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

All 4-H shooting sports clubs are supervised by certified 4-H shooting sports instructors. This event leads to instructor certification in archery, rifle, shotgun, pistol and muzzle loader.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/2019-michigan-4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop

### April 28: Environmental Science and Citizenship

Ingham County Fairgrounds, Mason

Joining the spirit of Earth Day, learn about different environmental systems such as watersheds and wetlands and how you can make a difference in your community.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/enviromental-science-and-citizenship

### May II: Northern Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Poultry Palooza

Kalkaska Fairgrounds, Kalkaska

Participate in a showmanship contest and learn from experts in educational workshops focused on rabbits and poultry.

https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/northern-michigan-4-h-rabbit-and-poultry-palooza

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events.">https://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/events.</a>

# Ready to bring your fair projects home? Consider these tips as you prepare to purchase your livestock project!

Author: Katie Ockert, 4-H animal science educator



Acquiring new livestock is exciting, no matter if it is to build your herd or if it is the purchase of your annual 4-H project. Making sure to do your homework so that you are fully prepared is key in starting off on the right foot. Michigan State University Extension recommends that you take the time to get all of the important health information about potential purchases from the seller and that you prepare animal housing facilities ahead of time. Taking these steps will help to make the transition to a new home as stress free as possible.

### Assessing Animal Health and Treatment Documentation

When purchasing animals, it is important to know their history. Answering the following questions will help you make an informed purchase:

- 1) When was the animal born?
- 2) What vaccinations has the animal been given and when were they given?
- 3) Have any other treatments been administered to the animal (deworm, delouse, antibiotics, etc.)? If so, what is the withdrawal period for the drugs given?
- 4) Have any of the animals on the farm been ill or shown symptoms of illness?
- 5) If acquiring a market animal, what is the approximate weight?

### Bringing New Stock Home

Once you make the decision to purchase new stock, there are many additional considerations to keep in mind. These include:

- 1) **Transportation**. If you do not own a trailer, you may need to make arrangements with the breeder or someone else that has a trailer to transport animals for you. Please remember that although some people may want to help you out free of charge, as a courtesy, you should be prepared to pay someone to provide transportation.
- 2) Unloading. Making sure that your facility is ready to acquire new livestock before they arrive is essential and can make the transition less stressful. Make sure that you have a pen identified for new animals to go into that is set up with water and appropriate feed when you arrive.
- 3) Settling in. Newly acquired animals should be quarantined, or kept away from other animals that are already housed on the premises, for a minimum of 21 days. The more physical space you can put in between animals, the better.
- 4) Comingling. When you are beginning to comingle animals, remember that each species has a herd hierarchy. It is important to make sure that hazards to animals as they establish their place in the herd or flock are kept to a minimum.

For more information about your 4-H animal science projects, visit <a href="https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/">https://www.canr.msu.edu/animal-science/</a>.

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### 4-H Show Your Money Smarts Contest



Learn about investments and put your knowledge to the test. Compete with others across the state in this online challenge during the entire month of April.

During this Money Smart Month contest, you can win prizes for both your county and yourself. High scoring youth will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 4-H event scholarship.

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# Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc Annual Meeting

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

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Berrien County Youth Memorial Building—Berrien

Springs, MI

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

