

# Berrien County 4-H Spotlight

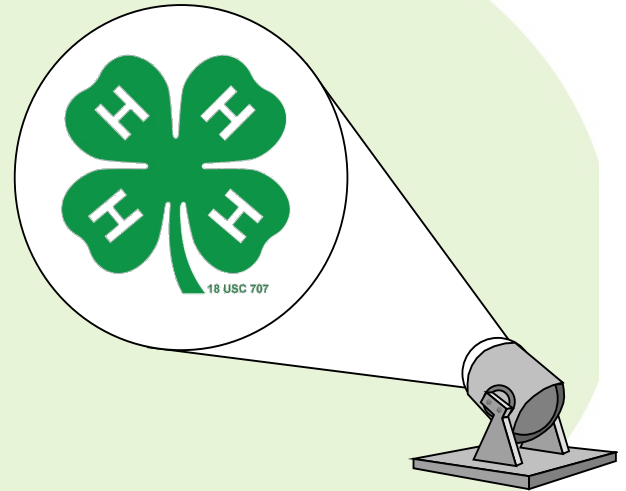
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# COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



## Barbott Farm & Greenhouse Fundraiser

The Annual Spring Fundraiser is in full swing. Thank you to all the clubs that have participated in selling Barbott Farm & Greenhouse Certificates. Reminder to clubs that sold Barbott Farm & Greenhouse Certificates, the deadline for ALL money and orders to be turned in by is April 14, 2023. 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 certificate's profits cannot be distributed until all money owed by the club is submitted. Certificates will be distributed to clubs at the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association Annual Meeting on April 24, 2023.

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

**Friday, April 14, 2023 ALL MONEY & ORDERS DUE**

**MAY 1 – MAY 31, 2023 CERTIFICATES MUST BE REDEEMED AT BARBOTT FARMS & GREENHOUSE**

For questions, issues or concerns related to the Spring Fundraiser, please contact Fundraising Co-Chairs, Chelsey Sobralski at [sobralski.c@gmail.com](mailto:sobralski.c@gmail.com) or via phone at 269-487-8279 and Heather Boyle at [hboyle@lpslancer.net](mailto:hboyle@lpslancer.net) or via phone at 269-757-4369.

## Michigan 4-H International Exchange Program

It is time to “Spring” into action and consider hosting a Japanese youth this summer! Here is a 5 minute video of Michigan 4-H commemorating the summer in US program Michigan 2022 to enjoy, warm your heart, and spark your consideration to host: [https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1\\_c9zo5rea](https://mediaspace.msu.edu/media/t/1_c9zo5rea)

Did this inspire you to maybe host in 2023 or do you know of 4-H families in Berrien County willing to host? Michigan 4-H will host 12 Japanese youth and one Chaperone in 2023. They tentatively are scheduled to arrive July 22<sup>nd</sup> and depart August 17<sup>th</sup>. A host family needs to complete the States' 4-H International Exchange Programs online application, have a youth to match as a host brother/sister (be within 3 years of age), adults be Michigan 4-H adult Gold Volunteers, participate in an interview and home visit process. Applications to host can be found at [www.states4hexchange.org](http://www.states4hexchange.org).

Check out the Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Michigan-4-H-International-Exchange-Programs-164923776970132> to keep up to date on all the wonderful opportunities available. Please feel free to contact Michigan 4-H International Exchange Programs Coordinator Jan Brinn [brinn@msu.edu](mailto:brinn@msu.edu). This program is supported by the MSU Extension Children & Youth Institute Leadership, Civic and Cultural Engagement (LCCE) Team [4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu](mailto:4H.LCCE.team@msu.edu).



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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.

### 4-H Kit to Go! SOLD

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

### 4-H Terrarium Gardens

- Date: May 20, 2023
- Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Sold Out!

### 4-H Fruit Stamping

- Date: June 17, 2023
- Time: 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
- Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Almost Full!

### 4-H Kit to Go! String Clovers

- Location: Self-paced at home
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Almost Full!

### 4-H Kit to Go! Buzzing About Bees

- Registration Opens May 2023
- Location: Self-paced at home
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023

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

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

### 4-H Kit to Go! for August

**SOLD!**

Join us in learning how to market your fair market animal. Includes supplies for Buyer Thank You notes, poster, & gift.



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



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May 20, 2023

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Berrien County MSU  
Extension Office



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

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### 4-H Kit to Go! for May

**String Clovers**

Join us in learning how to create your very own string art master piece in this at home self paced kit.



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

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# 4-H EXPLORATION DAYS

Join 1,000 youth from across Michigan on MSU's campus to explore YOUR future! Live like a college student and learn about future careers at 4-H Exploration Days. This three-day pre-college program is designed to help you explore careers, build skills and envision your future. Choose from more than 100 fun learning sessions on a variety of topics that are led by MSU faculty, 4-H staff and volunteers, and other experts! You'll stay in and eat at MSU residence halls, attend sessions in buildings throughout campus, and of course have fun at free-time activities across the university!



June 21 – 23, 2023  
Michigan State University

A county delegation orientation is schedule for:

When: May 18, 2023  
6:30 pm—7:30 pm  
Where: Virtual via Zoom

Zoom details will be sent once registered for the event. Orientation will cover what to pack, emergency procedures, expectations, free time activities, and more!

## What does 4-H Exploration Days cost?

The cost for the 2023 event is \$220, which includes two nights' lodging in a residence hall, meals, learning sessions, an event T-shirt and free-time activities. Berrien County 4-H Members are eligible for scholarships to go towards the event costs in the amount of \$170.00 equaling a camp fee of \$50.00 due at time of registration.

## Who should attend?

All young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to join the fun! You don't need to be a 4-H member to attend. Adults who would like to serve as event chaperones should contact their county 4-H program coordinator.

## How do I register?

The 2023 event registration website (<https://bit.ly/2GRhuwv>) will provide updated information in the spring. You can also contact your county 4-H program coordinator in your local MSU Extension office for details. Registration will open March 21 and close April 20, 2023. You'll want to register early – sessions fill up fast and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis!

## Questions:

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## 4-H Online New Member Enrollment!



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.

## 57th Annual Leader Association 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:	April 24, 2023
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

**\*\*\* Each club is required to send at least one (1) representative to the meeting**

## 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](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](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](mailto:jungerma@msu.edu), or Kelly Stelter 4-H Program Coordinator at [grandtke@msu.edu](mailto:grandtke@msu.edu).



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## Berrien County 4-H Viticulture SPIN Club

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

- Planting
- Pruning Grape Vines
- Training Grape Vines
- Inspecting Vines for Insects and Diseases
- Testing Grapes for Ripeness
- Testing Grapes for Sugar Content
- And so much more!

When: May 3, June 6, July 12, August 9, & September 21

Time: 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. EST

Location: Southwest Michigan Research Center and various Grape Farms in Berrien County, MI

Who: Open to youth ages 12—19 years as of January 1, 2023. Now accepting new 4-H members!

Cost: Free



Registration: Register by calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office or online through 4-H Online 2.0 at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>. Youth may register to attend one or multiple of the sessions offered in the series. When registering go to events and register for each of the 4-H Viticulture Series sessions you will attend. For questions reach out to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

## Joann Fabrics Campaign

Erupt your creative @4-H spark with @Joann! Wherever your imagination takes you, let our amazing partners at JOANN help you.

You can help support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN by donating at the register now through May 1st .

Michigan 4-H receives 70% of the donation funds during the campaign with 50% of the state portion coming back to the local 4-H program.



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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

## Discovering Animal Health Through Poultry Science

Want to learn more about animal health and poultry science? Do you want to build knowledge about animal health, biosecurity practices to keep you and your animal safe, explore how our immune systems work, and learn about poultry science? Join MSU in collaboration with Purdue University for a one-day poultry workshop.

- Cost: FREE
- Date: June 15, 2023
- Location: MSU Pavilion in East Lansing

You'll build knowledge about animal health, biosecurity practices to keep you and your animal safe, explore how our immune systems work, and learn about poultry science. A t-shirt, program book, and lunch are included, as well as visiting a poultry facility (transportation provided). Space is limited to the first 25 high school students who register! Register at [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_727RMMxk89nutqC](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_727RMMxk89nutqC) for questions contact Brianna Wardwell at [bwardwel@purdue.edu](mailto:bwardwel@purdue.edu)





# Overnight Canine Camp

June 2 - 4, 2023

4-H Camp on Coldwater Lake

(1415 N. Littlefield Rd., Weidman, MI 48893)

**For youth ages  
8 - 19**

**TIME:**

**Check-in:  
June 2 from 6 - 8 PM**

**Check-out:  
June 4 from 4 - 4:30 PM**

**COST:**

**\$100 day campers**

*(campers that dry camp with their families, or at a campground or hotel) includes all meals, snacks, materials and a t-shirt*

**\$120 overnight campers**

*(campers that stay in the dorms at the 4-H Camp) includes all meals, snacks, materials and a t-shirt*

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**Fun sessions for you and your dog:**

- Showmanship
- Scent work
- Agility
- Obedience
- Rally
- Grooming
- How to Train to become a Therapy Dog



**Additional activities will be leash making, dog skill-a-thon, dress up you dog parade, demonstrations, a craft, campfire, s'mores, etc.**

**\*\*8-11 years old campers MUST have an adult or guardian that stays and supervises their child and dog the entire day during sessions and all activities. Meals and snacks for that parent will be free.**

**\*\*12-19 year old campers may stay overnight without parental supervision.**

**\*\*1 dog per camper, crated at night and at rest. Dog must be leashed at all times. Proof of vaccination must be sent in. Vaccinations must be **obtained no later than May 18<sup>th</sup>**.**

**Register at:**

**<https://events.anr.msu.edu/CanineCamp2023/>**





# 4-H Cash Composition Contest 2023

## CONTEST DATES:

Essay submission due online by April 30, 2023 at 11:59pm

## PRIZES:

Five top essay writers will receive a \$100 gift card

## QUESTIONS:

Laurie Rivetto at [rivettoL@msu.edu](mailto:rivettoL@msu.edu) and/or

Kathy Jamieson at [jamies13@msu.edu](mailto:jamies13@msu.edu)

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## WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Any Michigan youth (aged 9-12 as of January 1, 2023)

## DESCRIPTION:

In support of Financial Literacy Month (April), Michigan State University Extension and Michigan 4-H are sponsoring the Cash Composition Contest. Youth compose an essay of 300 words or less based on the topic listed below. The top scoring essays will each win \$100 gift card.

## 2023 Essay Question:

What is the difference between a need and want? Discuss how you determine if something is a need or a want. How can you make sure you have enough money to get your needs and still enjoy some of your wants? Share how needs and wants might change throughout one's life.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/index>



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## Support 4-H with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign



Tractor Supply Company (TSC) customers across the nation will have the opportunity to support 4-H youth by purchasing a \$1 clover at checkouts when shopping both in stores or online from April 26-May 7. To learn more, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign](http://www.canr.msu.edu/events/spring-tractor-supply-co-paper-clover-campaign).



### April 11: Wild Spartans Series - Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility

*Online*

This month, plunge into our rivers and lakes to take a closer look at the prehistoric fish that inhabit our waters. Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. You will learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

### April 12: Adulting 101 - Build and Protect Your Credit

*Online*

This workshop will address credit myths, explain the importance of credit reports, demystify credit scores and provide strategies to build and protect your credit.

### April 16: Michigan 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

*MSU Pavilion, East Lansing*

Participants in competitive horse judging learn how to properly judge horses of various breeds and disciplines. **Registration deadline is April 3.**

### May 22-25: Paddlesports Leader Training

*YMCA Camp Torenta, Cadillac*

Gain confidence offering paddling skills to your youth groups! Six courses offered – select the one that fits your needs! Partial scholarships available for 4-H volunteers. **Registration closes May 5.**

### June 3: MI 4-H Livestock Judging Camp

*Ionia County Fairgrounds*

This is a one-day clinic about all things livestock judging. Youth and their coaches will gain experience judging beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats, as well as practice with oral reasons, data assessment, and more! **Space is limited to 100 youth and 15 coaches.**

### June 17: 2023 Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

*MSU Pavilion for Agriculture and Livestock Education*

Michigan 4-H goat members and volunteers are invited to attend the State 4-H Goat Show. Event registration information will be available in spring 2023.





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## Save the date for Michigan 4-H Day with the Detroit Tigers!

Join Michigan 4-H and MSU Extension for a fun day at Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers take on the Seattle Mariners on May 13. Michigan 4-H will be honored as the group charity of the game and 4-H youth, volunteers, staff and their families will enjoy a discounted ticket to the game.

Date: May 13, 2023

Time: 1:10 p.m. EST

Cost: \$18.00 per a person

Who: Open to Michigan 4-H youth, volunteers, staff, stakeholders and their families

Seating: All seats will be seated together in sections 210 – 219.

Register online at: <https://fevo.me/mi4h2023>



A portion of every ticket sold through the event will be donated back to Michigan 4-H. Make sure to wear your favorite 4-H gear and support 4-H while enjoying a fun day with the 4-H community.

## Registration is open for 4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resource Camp



4-H Great Lakes and Natural Resources Camp is an annual three-time national award-winning camp that mixes summer fun and hands-on science education.

The camp will be held July 23-29 on the shores of Lake Esau at Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle.

This pre-college program is for teens who will be age 13 to 15 during camp.

During this enriching MSU Extension educational program, campers will increase their science literacy and stewardship as they learn from natural resource experts in fields such as Great Lakes coastal and fisheries management, limnology, wildlife, forestry, geography, geology and

environmental education. In addition to hands-on learning, attendees will also enjoy exciting natural resources recreation activities such as kayaking, snorkeling, sailing, fossil hunting, archery, photography, and evenings around a campfire.

First-time campers also go charter fishing and learn and learn to fillet their catch while all campers have fun and make new friends with people from difference backgrounds and areas.

Registration is now open! The registration fee is \$500 and includes six nights of lodging, all meals and snacks, a t-shirt and program and activity costs. Space is limited to 70 campers so register today.

For more information and to register, visit [www.canr.msu.edu/4\\_h\\_great\\_lakes\\_natural\\_resources\\_camp/](http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_great_lakes_natural_resources_camp/).



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