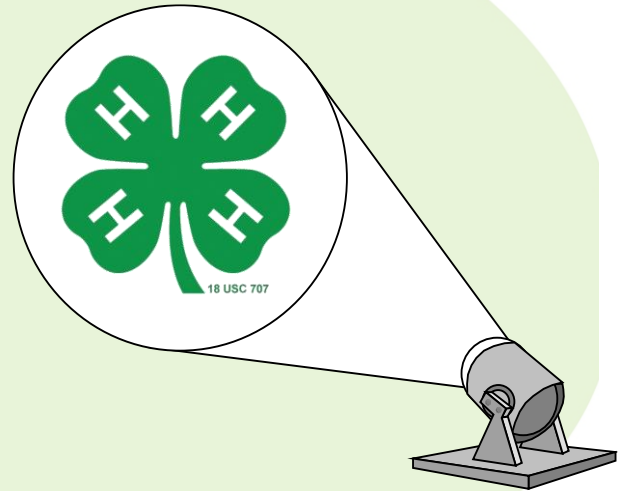


Berrien County 4-H Spotlight

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.

- February 20, 2023
- March 17 – 21, 2023
- March 23 – 24, 2023
- March 27, 2023
- April 7, 2023



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COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



Upcoming Countywide Projects & Kits

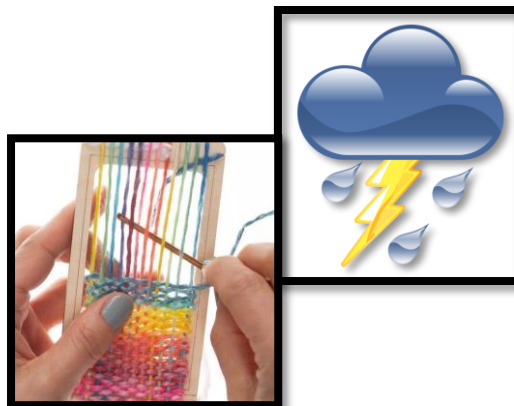
Registration is now open for countywide projects and project exploration kits. Registration can be done through 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in> and logging into your family profile. Once logged in you can find all workshops and kits in the event section of your profile! Pre-registration 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 Kit to Go! – Storm Chasers

- Location: Self paced at Home Kit
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Registration deadline is March 1, 2023 or while supplies last.

4-H Kit to Go! – Weaving Loom

- Location: Self paced at Home Kit
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Registration deadline is March 1, 2023 or while supplies last.



Stay up to date through 4-H Online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



SAVE THE DATE!

MI 4-H Hippology

March 18, 2023
MSU Pavilion

MI 4-H FFA/4-H Judging Contest

April 16, 2023
MSU Pavilion

MI 4-H State Horse Show

August 18 – 20
MSU Pavilion

https://www.canr.msu.edu/horses_ponies/registration-information



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.



COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



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

Georgia Boot Trailblazers Contest

Calling all 4-H'ers! Want to show off your 4-H project? Apply for the 2023 Georgia Boot Trailblazer contest. Georgia Boot is looking for four enthusiastic 4-H'ers to share their 2023 project journeys with the Georgia Boot audience. Don't miss this chance to win a prize package valued at \$500.00.

Who: Open to 4-H youth ages 12 – 18 years

Apply online at:

<https://www.georgiaboot.com/2023-4h-trailblazersby>

February 24, 2023.



Joann Fabrics Campaign



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

You can support 4-H'ers with a trip to JOANN by donating at the register 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.





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!

Questions:
Kelly Stelter
4-H Program Coordinator
grandtke@msu.edu, 269-927-5674 ext. 4015

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!

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4-H Leaders Council Update

The Leaders Council annual elections have now been finalized! Your newly elected Leaders Council representatives are as follows:

Adult Leaders

Heather Boyle
Ashley Herr
Roxy Cochran

Teen Leaders

Kayleigh Lawrick
Jennifer Pellett

Additionally, during the re-organizational meeting, officers were appointed for a one-year term that included:

President:	Deanna Sobraliski
Vice President:	Schyler Pellett
Secretary:	Heather Boyle
Treasurer:	Chelsey Sobraliski
Foundation Rep.	Shelley Zeiger

Newly elected representatives and officers were seated at the January 23, 2023, re-organizational meeting.

4-H Leader Meet

Come together with leaders from across Michigan 4-H to re-energize through networking, learning and fun! The Leader Meet will feature a wide variety of fun and interactive sessions, informative presentations, and useful tips for your meetings.

- Date: February 25, 2023
- Time: 10:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. EST
Check-in from 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. EST
- Location: MSU STEM Building – East Lansing, MI
- Cost: \$15.00 per a person
County scholarships are available, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension office to learn more.
- Who: Open to Teen Leaders (ages 13+ by January 1, 2023 & Adult Leaders who have Gold level status with MSU Extension

For more information including event schedule and to register go to:

https://events.anr.msu.edu/Michigan_4h_leader_meet/



4-H Livestock Judging Camp

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!

Date:
June 3, 2023

Who:
Open to 4-H Members
& Non-4-H Members

For more information go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-livestock-judging-camp>





4-H Junior Showmanship Dog Classes



Mutterly Love and Best Friends 4-H Club
are offering 4-H Junior Showmanship
Dog Classes!

Price: Free to 4-H'ers & 4-H Leaders
\$50.00 to non 4-H'ers

Dates:

1. Monday, March 6, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
2. Monday, March 13, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
3. Monday, March 20, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
4. Monday, March 27, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Mutterly Love (200 Kerth, St. Joseph, MI 49085)

Dog Tools You Need To Bring With You:

- Dog (cleaned & groomed)
- Proper showmanship lead (*don't worry if you do not have one in the beginning*)
- Poop Bags
- Paper towel
- Dog brush
- Dog comb
- Dog treats
- Water & water bowl



REGISTRATION:

REGISTRATION IS A MUST!

If you have questions and/or would like to attend this class, please contact ...

Linda Shannon-Chaillet

Phone: 269-934-0462 or

Email: shannollet@sbcglobal.net

Junior Showmanship Class Training Goals:

1. The Standards for your breed
2. How to dress properly for the dog show ring.
3. Tools of the trade.
4. Grooming your breed
5. History of your breed
6. Proper gait for your breed
7. Table presentation for your breed
8. Floor presentation for your breed
9. Judging procedures

4-H Mark of Excellence

Michigan 4-H State Awards Program

Grab your pen! Spark your imagination!
Dive into the world of 4-H! Twist and turn your way through your 4-H memories, as you capture your adventure on how

“Because of  I can.”

Eligibility:

- Be a current 4-H member between the ages of 11 and 12 as of January 1, 2023. Enrollment in previous years not required.
- Individuals may only be selected for this award once.
- Each county can select up to two (2) winners to receive the Mark of Excellence Award each year.

Submission Details:

- Contestants are asked to create either a video or a journal reflection focusing around the theme of **“Because of 4-H I can...”**
- Entries should be legible, readable or easily viewable.
- Video submissions must be no more than 2 minutes in length. Videos should be in mp4 format or provide a YouTube Channel link.
- Journal reflections must be 500 words or less and can be hand-written or typed.
- Submission can be either video OR journal.
- Must include first name and county.

Award:

- Selected winners will receive a certificate and medal.

Learn more at:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4-h-awards-and-recognition-program/youth-recognition

Submissions may be posted on the Michigan 4-H section of the MSU Extension website and promoted digitally in newsletters and social media.

Deadlines:

Submit to the Berrien County MSU Extension by:
Fax: 269-944-4128
Email: grandtke@msu.edu
Drop off at 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Questions:

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Norma Agnew

MEMORIAL HAIRY HORSE SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2023

8:30 am Start | \$40.00 Stall | \$8.00 Class
MSU Pavilion, 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

All proceeds to benefit Michigan Youth Horse Programs and the MSU Horse Judging Team

Join us for an interactive horse show where the judges wear microphones and give on-the-spot feedback to exhibitors!

No ribbons or points will be awarded for class placing; the feedback is your reward!

DIVISIONS: Open, Adult, Youth: 14-19, 13-8, 5-7

CLASSES INCLUDE:

- Fine Horse Showmanship
- Open Showmanship
- Cloverbud Showmanship
- Fine Horse Hunter Pleasure
- Open Hunter Pleasure
- Adult Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot
- Youth Hunt Seat Pleasure Walk-Trot
- Open Hunt Seat Equitation
- Cloverbud English Equitation
- Adult Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot
- Youth Hunt Seat Equitation Walk-Trot
- Adult Walk-Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)
- Youth Walk-Trot English Pleasure (Saddle Seat)
- Open English (Saddle Seat)
- Open Saddle Seat Equitation
- Walk Trot Saddle Seat Equitation
- Fine Horse Western Pleasure
- Open Western Pleasure
- Adult Western Pleasure Walk-Trot
- Youth Western Pleasure Walk-Trot
- Open Western Horsemanship
- Cloverbud Western Horsemanship
- Adult Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot
- Youth Western Horsemanship Walk-Trot

Horses may arrive AFTER 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 14th, 2023

- **An Approved Michigan 4-H Horse Judges Seminar**
- Event open to all, not just 4-H members!
- ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required in all youth Hunt/Saddle Seat classes.
- Negative Coggins in last 12 months required.
- No stallions allowed at this event!
- Show clothes are optional.
- Class entries will close at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th.
- No refunds will be issued after 4/06/23.

- **ONLY PREPAID STALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** A limited number of stalls are available. You must have a stall, no showing out of trailer! All horse stalls must use bedding.

To reserve a stall, please send a check payable to "MSU" to:

Hairy Horse Show – Attn: Carla
474 S. Shaw Lane, Room 1287
East Lansing, MI 48824

Stalls may also be reserved with credit card online at:
https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

Cloverbud Policy (age 5-7 as of 1/1/2023). ALL 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI- approved helmets.

- **Age 5 (6, or 7):** May be involved with equine on a halter and lead. They MUST be directly accompanied one-on-one by a parent, guardian or adult volunteer who is on foot holding the animal's halter or lead to maximize safety.
- **Age 6 (or 7):** May ride a horse unaccompanied, but only at the walk. Adult volunteers should be in the ring with Cloverbud at all times.
- **Age 7 only:** May participate in walk-trot events with adult volunteers in the ring at all times. 4-H Cloverbud members must wear ASTM- or SEI-approved helmets for all 4-H Cloverbud horse experiences.
- No Stallions allowed at this event. • "Fine Horse" Classes open only to Arabian, Half-Arabian, Morgan, Saddlebred, etc.
- Reserve early, a limited number of stalls are available. **You must have a stall, no showing out of trailer.**
- **No refunds will be available after 4/06/23.**

Questions? Email Carla McLachlan: CarlaM@msu.edu
Credit card payments and stall reservations available at: https://commerce.cashnet.com/msu_3645

MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

Department of Animal Science



Puppy Raisers are Needed!



4-H and Leader Dogs for the Blind need YOU to make a DIFFERENCE!

"Your family temporarily adopts a program puppy for eleven months until they are old enough to head off to school!"

New Launch and Rollout at our Informational Meeting

**FEBRUARY 23, 2023, AT 6:30
WILL ALSO BE HELD VIRTUALLY
FROM THE LEADER DOG CAMPUS**



APPRECIATING INDEPENDENCE

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to Empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

CONTACT INFO:

- 1039 S. Rochester Road
- Rochester Hills, MI 48307
- 888-777-5332
- leaderdog@leaderdog.org
- LeaderDog.org
- Kristi Schreiber
- 4-H P.C Isabella Co.
- 4-H State Companion Animal Point of Contact
- schrei61@msu.edu
- 989-330-5131

Register online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/LeaderDogFeb23/>

STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Save the Date!



Michigan 4-H State Goat Show

June 17, 2023
MSU Pavilion



MI 4-H State Dog Show

August 12, 2023
MSU Pavilion

March 4: 4-H Livestock Camp

Youth will learn about different aspects of their livestock projects throughout a variety of breakout sessions, including intro to your species project, animal and carcass evaluation, marketing your livestock project, animal anatomy, reproduction, nutrition, and more!

Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Location: MSU Campus – East Lansing, MI

Cost: \$30.00 which includes t-shirt & lunch

County scholarships are available, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension office to learn more.

Who: 4-H youth ages 12 – 19 as of January 1, 2023 & Active Gold MSU Extension Volunteers

For more information including event schedule and to register go to:

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-livestock-workshop>

February 14: Wild Spartans Series – Black River Lake Sturgeon Facility, Management of a Threatened Species

Online

Meet Doug Larson, research assistant at the Black River Sturgeon Facility. Learn about his field work, and the education and career path he followed to get there.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-february-2023

February 28: Michigan 4-H Volunteer Webinar – Building the Value of Your 4-H Club

Online

A webinar series that will provide Michigan 4-H volunteers with a variety of learning opportunities to help them grow as a volunteer and support Michigan 4-H'ers.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-volunteer-webinar-series-building-the-value-of-your-4-h-club-7pm

March 3-5: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

This weekend workshop will focus on all things dairy cattle nutrition. MSU and MSU Extension faculty, industry partners, and MSU students will lead educational sessions. Open to MSU Extension Gold Volunteers and 4-H youth (ages 12-19). Register by Feb. 8.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/2023-michigan-4-h-dairy-conference

March 4: 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshop

Ralph A. MacMullan Center, Roscommon

Interested in leading shooting sports with a 4-H club? Become a certified instructor at this one-day, hybrid workshop! Register by Feb. 15.

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-shooting-sports-instructor-certification-workshop-ram



STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



Register today for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience!

At Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, teens learn how to change the world for the better through engagement in Michigan's state government and public policy process. The 4-H Capitol Experience program, scheduled for March 12-14, in Lansing, has been described by past participants as "amazing", "life-changing", and "an opportunity unlike any other".

The three-day event, open to high-school-aged youth, includes tours of the Michigan Capitol, interactions with state legislators, meetings with state agency staff, lobbyists and state-level experts and learning how policy is made. During the program, youth work in small teams to draft legislation on agriculture, civil rights, education, energy, environment and natural resources, health or law enforcement and corrections.

The cost to register in 2023 is \$365, which includes meals, material fees and lodging at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Please contact your local 4-H program coordinator to inquire about local funding opportunities. Scholarships may also be available through your local Farm Bureau office.

Registration is open until February 13. To find out more, visit https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_capitol_experience/.



AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute registrations due March 15!

As millions across the globe deal with food insecurity, the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFP MIYI) offers young people an opportunity to be part of the solution. Held May 11 in East Lansing, or by participating from anywhere else using Zoom video/web conference technology, the event seeks to inspire and prepare the next generation of global leaders to end world hunger.

Attendees will have the opportunity to share their ideas related to global food security with experts and other Michigan youth while learning how university faculty and staff members, researchers and students are working to address world hunger.

To participate, youth should be in grades 7-12 and register by the March 15 deadline. As part of the registration process, youth are required to prepare a two- to five-page research paper about a developing country and one of 20 key factors that affect food security. At the event, youth present and discuss their papers with other attendees and research and industry experts. They also participate in interactive activities related to global food challenges and engage with area experts to discuss solutions to global hunger and poverty.

The top performing students at the WFP MIYI will be selected to attend the World Food Prize Global Youth Institute in Des Moines, Iowa, in October. For more information, visit <https://www.canr.msu.edu/wfpmiyi/>. Registrations and papers are due March 15.



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Berrien County 4-H Youth Development



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