



BERRIEN COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

4-H Family News

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Berrien County MSU Extension Office

County Closed Dates:

Friday, April 15, 2022

Monday, May 30, 2022

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:

April 1, 2022	MI 4-H State Awards and Mark of Excellence Award Due
June 1, 2022	New Member Enrollment Deadline
June 1, 2022	4-H Kitchen Passport SPIN Club Registration Due
July 11, 2022	4-H Versatility Scholarship Event Applications Due
July 11, 2022	4-H Alumni Scholarship Applications & Documents Due
July 15, 2022	4-H Equine Educational Scholarship Application & Documents Due

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Explore your Spark at 4-H Exploration Days!

Orientation Save the Date!

Those attending Exploration Days will need to attend one of the following orientations.

4-H Exploration Days

Delegation Orientation:

When: May 31, 2022 @ 6:30 pm—8:00 pm

Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office

4-H Exploration Days

Delegation Orientation:

When: June 1, 2022 @ 5:30 pm—7:00 pm

Where: Virtual Via Zoom

Orientation is Required to Attend!

SAVE THE DATE!!

**MSU EXTENSION
4-H EXPLORATION
DAYS**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

June 22-24, 2022



\$220
covers meals, lodging, all event activities and a T-shirt.

YOUTH WILL:

- ✓ Experience campus living
- ✓ Develop and expand their career and personal interests
- ✓ Increase their responsibility, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision making and time management skills



Registration fee —\$220 for youth participants and \$120 for adults staying both nights.

Scholarships are available for Berrien County youth and adults!

Youth Scholarship Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount
Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.	Must be a Berrien County 4-H Member	\$155.00
State 4-H Award Delegate	Must be selected as a 2022 State 4-H Award	\$50.00

Chaperone Scholarship Sponsor	Eligibility	Amount
Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc.	Must be a Berrien County 4-H Leader in good standing	\$95.00

All participants will be required to pay a \$50 deposit when registering.

Registration link and session information coming soon!

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 space is limited for each workshop 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 Bunny Boot Camp

Join us at the 4-H Bunny Boot Camp to learn about your rabbit project. Topics include: nutrition, care, handling, showmanship, and more!

Date: April 23, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by April 15, 2022

4-H Fun With Flowers

Participants will learn about floral arranging, flower types, and more!

Date: May 1, 2022
Time: TBA
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by April 15, 2022

4-H Arts & Crafts Workshop

Date: May 7, 2022
Time: 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by May 2, 2022

4-H Kitchen Passport Series

Explore cultures, country and food from the comfort of your kitchen! This six (6) week program is a self-paced SPIN Club.

Date: Starting June 1, 2022
Who: Open to youth ages 8—19 years as of January 1, 2021
Location: Self-paced Kit with pre-recorded videos
Deadline: Registration due by May 20, 2022

4-H Food Preservation Workshop

Join the Food Preservation workshop to learn about the basics of canning! Participants will create and can jams/jellies and pickles!

Date: July 16, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m. EST
Location: Berrien County MSU Extension Office
Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2021.
Deadline: Registration due by July 1, 2022

Stay tuned for more workshops and kits!

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**Help youth find
their SPARK with
JOANN Fabrics**



From now until April 30, every dollar can make a difference in helping a young person find their SPARK. While visiting your local JOANN store or shopping online, you can support 4-H by adding a donation at checkout.

The funds donated will support the 4-H program with 50% going back to local 4-H programming and 20% supporting Michigan 4-H.

To find out more information about this partnership, visit joann.com/4h.

4-H EMBRYOLOGY PROGRAM

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Enrollment Reminders!



If you have not enrolled yet for the 2021 –2022 4-H Year please do so immediately!

New member deadline to enroll is June 1, 2022.

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



Michigan 4-H Embryology program is focused on the science of hatching chicken eggs. Youth are able to explore the developmental process and stages of chicken growth and basic chicken reproduction and cell division. Through this program, youth will also gain a deeper respect for life and the value of living things as their understanding of the care required for a living thing grows. By the end of their participation in Michigan 4-H Embryology, students will be able to:



- Identify the parts of an egg and their functions
- Explain what is required to hatch an egg, how it hatches naturally and artificially
- Describe different methods to observe a developing embryo and different stages of development
- List what a chick needs to live and how to care for them
- Explain how record keeping is important in science

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO BE BORROWED: Equipment is available for borrowing at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor. Equipment is limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

- Brooder supplies
- Incubator with automatic egg turner
- Chick Life Cycle Kit— Features 21 two-piece eggs in a storage tray that show a realistic illustration of a developing chick inside the egg
- Supplemental Books
- Brinsea OvaScope Bird Egg Candler
- Egg Candling Lamps

COST: Free to Berrien County Homeschool PODS, classrooms/ teachers, and 4-H Clubs/ Leaders.

TIME COMMITTEMENT: Eggs can start hatching between 20—22 days. This program is flexible to meet the needs. An estimate time commitment of once a week for a month is ideal.

COURSE OFFERINGS: In person and virtual options are being offered. The 4-H Embryology program can be tailored to meet the needs of the group, so please reach out to the local 4-H Program Coordinator for more information.

New training required for 4-H volunteers

Since 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) has required all MSU employees and volunteers conducting business on behalf of the university to report child abuse and other harm to children. To help MSU Extension volunteers better understand the reporting expectations, a new online learning module titled “Child Abuse Reporting Protocol” has been developed. The module can be completed in 10-15 minutes.

All 4-H volunteers are required to complete this training in the upcoming year. Deadlines are as follows:

- New volunteers must complete the module as part of the screening and onboarding process.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks on April 1 or later must complete the training before their 2022 annual compliance date.
- Current 4-H volunteers due for annual compliance and background checks in February or March must complete the training before their 2023 annual compliance date. However, these volunteers are encouraged to complete the training prior to this date.

To review the training, 4-H volunteers may either:

- Log into [Volunteer Central](#) and complete the module through the system. Within Volunteer Central, the module will be visible on either the screening dashboard (applicants) or the annual compliance dashboard (volunteers). Once completed, Volunteer Central will log this as “completed”.
- Check with your local 4-H program coordinator to determine if they will be hosting a local training or meeting to review and discuss the material. For trainings conducted by MSU Extension professionals, attendance will be recorded in Volunteer Central on your behalf.

In order to aid in volunteers completing this training Berrien County 4-H will be offering 2 virtual Zoom sessions to complete the module. This training is required to stay an active volunteer with Berrien County 4-H.

Zoom links will be sent out in registration confirmation email after registration.

Date:	April 7, 2022	Date:	May 3, 2022
Time:	6:30—7:30 p.m.	Time:	7:00—8:00 p.m.
Registration Link:	https://bit.ly/3tLNwQy	Registration Link:	https://bit.ly/3u6Dr0T

Questions about the training? Contact your local 4-H program coordinator. Thank you for your ongoing commitment as a 4-H volunteer.

56th 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:	May 23, 2022
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.

2022 Leaders Council Election Results

Leaders:

Shelley Zeiger
Amanda Pullins
Deanna Sobraliski
Chelsey Sobraliski
Schlyer Pellett

Teen Leader:

Paul Pirri



2022 Leaders Council Officer Results

President:

Tracie Baker

Vice President:

Deanna Sobraliski

Secretary:

Amanda Pullins

Treasurer:

Elaine McKee

Foundation Rep.:

Shelly Zeiger

MSU Extension UPDATED COVID-19 Guidelines March 2022

Dear 4-H community

Late last week, Michigan State University updated their COVID-19 mask guidance. These changes impact attendees of MSU Extension and Michigan 4-H programs occurring on and off MSU property. Effective immediately:

- Masks are no longer required at MSU Extension or Michigan 4-H programs, events, offices or meeting rooms.

While not a requirement, Michigan 4-H volunteers hosting in-person events are still encouraged to continue following best practices that allow individuals to increase their comfort level with meeting in person. This includes meeting outside when possible, keeping participant numbers below maximum capacity to allow for social distancing, offering hand sanitizer at touch points, frequently sanitizing surfaces and respecting the continued use of masks by those who choose to wear them.

As always, the most up-to-date guidelines for Michigan 4-H volunteers and participants can be found at extension.msu.edu/approvedactivities. We thank you for your ongoing commitment to Michigan's 4-H youth and look forward to seeing you at one of the many 4-H programs near you!

Save the Date! Upcoming Horse and Pony Events

March 26, 2022	4-H State Hippology Contest
March 27, 2022	4-H/FFA State Horse Judging Contest
July 11, 2022	Versatility Scholarship Event Applications Due
June 19, 2022	Tryon 4-H Saddle—Open Fun Show
August 19-21, 2022	Michigan 4-H State Horse Show

Registration information coming soon!

Save the Date! Upcoming Livestock Judging Contest

July 13, 2022	Michigan 4-H/FFA State Livestock Judging Contest
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The Judging Contest is held in conjunction with the Michigan Livestock Expo (MLE) and is a collaborative effort between Michigan 4-H and Michigan FFA. By participating in the livestock judging contest, contestants can enhance their livestock evaluation and selection skills, as well as improve their communication and decision-making skills. Registration information coming!

Berrien County 4-H Scholarship Opportunities!

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. awards both annually for a minimum of \$700 each. If you are planning to continue your education, we encourage you to review the requirements and if eligible, apply for these scholarships. Both scholarships are not awarded to one recipient in the same year, but an eligible applicant may be awarded the Cerny Scholarship one year, and the Alumni Scholarship another year.

The eligibility requirements and application for both scholarships are also available by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office on Hillandale Road at 269-927-5674 or by email to grandtke@msu.edu. Please review the requirements carefully. You may wish to talk to academic advisors and professors now for recommendation letters that you may need.

The Berrien County MSU Extension Office must receive completed applications by **5:00 p.m. on Monday July 11, 2022**. All eligible applicants will be interviewed on **Thursday, July 21, 2022 beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

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.

Do I have to give \$1,000 or more?

Any donation you make will be greatly appreciated. It's not the amount that makes you a philanthropist, it's the giving.

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



“We are on Fire for 4-H”





MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY*

2022 Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp June 27- July 1, 2022 at Michigan State University Campus & Beyond!

Applications due March 25, 2022 by 5 pm

The Michigan 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp is a five-day pre-college program held at Michigan State University (MSU) in partnership with MI 4-H Youth Development, MSU Department of Animal Science and MSU College of Veterinary Medicine. Youth explore fields relating to animal and veterinary medicine as well as participate in numerous hands-on learning activities. Participants have the opportunity to visit and explore MSU farms and facilities. Throughout the week, youth will work their way through a veterinary science case study as a team and create a presentation for critique by veterinarians. This fun and interactive camp allows youth to examine situations, ask questions and problem-solve. It will help youth explore various animal related career fields while also reflecting on their experiences and communities.

Where and When:

The 4-H Animal and Veterinary Science Camp begins with check-in on Monday, June 27, at 12:30pm and runs through noon on Friday, July 1. Overnight dorm lodging is part of the camp on the campus of MSU. The camp will take place both on and off campus with visits to MSU farms and facilities, and much more! The camp agenda will be emailed to camp attendees with additional information for attending the camp.

Who Should Attend:

Youth (13 to 17 years of age as of January 1, 2022) who are interested in exploring animal and veterinary science related activities. All attendees must be current Michigan 4-H members (Register: <https://v2.4honline.com>)

Cost: The registration fee includes all meals, lodging, transportation around camp and camp materials. The cost per youth is \$495 for Michigan 4-H members.

- Scholarships are available to offset the cost. If interested please contact the Berrien County Extension office at 269-927-5674

Registration Deadlines:

- Applications due by 5 pm on March 25. No late applications accepted.
- All applicants will be notified of the selection committee's decision by early April 2022 with an emailed letter. Those youth accepted into the camp will also receive additional payment information at that time. A waiting list will also be determined based on application scores.
- Payment is due by May 1, 2022.

Cancellation Policy: Once the selection process is completed by the 4-H staff, the cancellation policy for all participants is: No refunds will be given after May 15, 2022.

Selection Process: Space is limited! Up to 50 youth will be admitted!

Additional Information: https://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_animal_veterinary_science_camp/



Michigan 4-H Dog Program Learning Workshop

For youth ages 8 - 19

DATE & TIME:

March 26, 2022

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

LOCATION:

Isabella County Commission
on Aging
2200 S. Lincoln Rd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

COST: \$20/person

TO REGISTER:

[https://events.anr.msu.edu/
Dog2022](https://events.anr.msu.edu/Dog2022)



MSU is an affirmative-action, equal-opportunity employer. "Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the MSU Extension office at (989) 317-4079 at least 5 days prior to the scheduled event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests received after this time will be met when possible."

Agenda:

- 8:30 - 8:50 Check In - Lobby
- 9 - 9:45 Welcome/Opening Session
- 10 - 10:45 Session Block #1 *(all sessions will be repeated so that attendees can participate in them all)*
- Nutrition - - Kenny Rangi, DVM
 - Fundamentals in off leash work - - Diane Gaw
 - Developing a proper warm up exercise program - - Anna Schloff
 - A look into Nosework - - Nancy vonKoehnen
- 11 - 11:45 Session Block #2 (repeat of session block #1)
- 12 - 1 Lunch
- 1:10 - 1:55 Session Block #3 (repeat of session block #1)
- 2:05 - 2:50 Session Block #4 (repeat of session block #1)
- 3 - 3:30 Panel Discussion with Instructors & Closing



***The Michigan 4-H Dog Project Learning
Workshop is sponsored by Michigan
4-H Youth Development Programs,
Michigan State University Extension***

Scholarships are available to offset the cost.
If interested please contact the Berrien County Extension office at 269-927-5674

4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Certification Workshops



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

Held at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon on April 9 and 10, workshops will offer hands-on training that compliments virtual video instruction.

Participants will learn about the Michigan 4-H Shooting Sports' mission and policies, risk management, safety, equipment use and care, teaching methods, positive youth development and more.

Each day will offer different certifications with choices among archery, rifle, shotgun, and hunting and wildlife disciplines. First Aid/CPR and Project WILD/Learning Tree will be concurrent sessions.

Register by March 15. To learn more, contact Laura Quist at quistla1@msu.edu.

4-H Events and Workshops

March 16: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training—Application Review
Online

Meet individually with staff to receive feedback on your application.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-application-review>

March 18—20: Animal Science Career Quest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Learn about all the opportunities an animal science education can bring them, not just as an undergraduate student, but long-term post-graduate, career options, and beyond.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/animal-science-career-quest>

March 26: Michigan 4-H Dog Program Learning Workshop

Isabella County Commission on Aging

Youth ages 8 to 19 in a dog project can sharpen their skills and gain knowledge from seasoned professionals about various aspects of dog care, management and training. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dog-program-learning-workshop>

www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-dog-program-learning-workshop

March 26: 4-H Hippology Contest

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine science and husbandry in a competitive setting. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022>

www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-hippology-contest-2022

March 27: 4-H/FFA Horse Judging Contest

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Demonstrate your knowledge of equine conformation and performance while giving an oral explanation of your class evaluation.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-ffa-horse-judging-contest-2022>

April 4– May 4: 4-H Month of the Military Child Goosechase

Online

Join Michigan 4-H as we celebrate military families and children during the Month of the Military Child 4-H GooseChase Challenge during the month of April! <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase>

[michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-month-of-the-military-child-goosechase)

April 7: They Took What? Your First Paycheck and Taxes

Online

Explore the world of taxes and how it affects you and your paycheck. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-7>

[events/youth-money-4-7](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-7)

May 5 or 10: 4-H State Awards Preparation Training –Mock Interview and Tips

Online

Learn 10 tips for a successful interview, practice answering questions in small groups and get both positive and constructive feedback. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5>

[preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5](https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-awards-preparation-training-mock-interview-and-tips-may-5)

July 23: 4-H State Shooting Sports Championships

This one-day event offers competition to youth statewide in BB, Hunting & Wildlife, air rifle, small bore rifle, target archery, 3-D archery, muzzleloader, trap and more! <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-state-shooting-sports-championships>

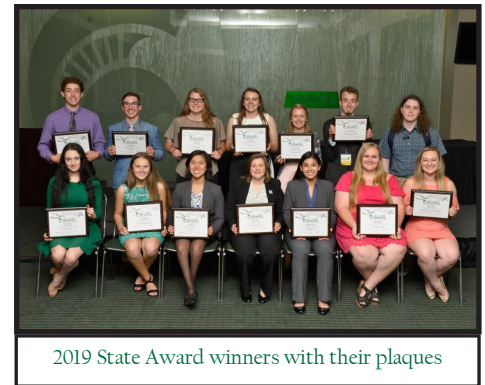
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For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events>.

Apply for a 2022 4-H State Award!

Michigan 4-H true leaders ages 11 and older have an opportunity to be recognized for the great work they do in 4-H and develop their career skills by completing a state award application. A Michigan 4-H State Award is the highest honor bestowed on a Michigan 4-H member and provides an opportunity to receive recognition for their engagement in rich learning experiences that result in outstanding knowledge and life-skill development.

State award applications are divided into four categories: Mark of Excellence essay contest (11-12 years old), junior state award (13-15 years old), senior state award (16-19 years old) and group awards (13-19 years old). The application process and selection is determined by the age of the 4-H member.



2019 State Award winners with their plaques

More information about the Michigan 4-H State Award process can be found online at <http://bit.ly/stateaward>.

Applications are due April 1. For more information, contact your 4-H program coordinator or email Betty Jo Krosnicki at nashbett@msu.edu or Janice Zerbe at rajzerj@msu.edu.

Enter the 2022 Mark of Excellence Essay Contest

Theme:

The theme of the essay is “Because of 4-H I can...”

Eligibility:

To be eligible for this contest, the applicant must:

1. Be a current 4-H member between the ages of 11 and 12. Enrollment in previous years not required.
2. Write an essay that focuses on the theme, “Because of 4-H I can...”
3. Follow these guidelines, when submitting an essay.
 - a. All essays must be computer generated, typed or handwritten in blue or black ink on 8 ½ x 11” paper, single sided, in 500 words or less (no more than 2 pages in length). If typed, use a 12-pt. font.
 - b. Put your name and county in the top right-hand corner of each sheet of paper (including the first page). Do not include photos or other graphics in your essay!
 - c. The essay must be held together with a paperclip. Do not staple your essay or put essays into binders or folders.
 - d. Do not use a cover page.
4. All essays must be turned into your county office by April 1.

Selection:

Individuals may only be selected for this award once. Each county will have the opportunity to select up to two winning essays. The winning essays will be forwarded to the State Coordinator for Mark of Excellence and will be added to the Mark of Excellence history book at the Michigan 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Office. The authors of the winning essays will receive a certificate and medal. Additionally, Mark of Excellence winners are encouraged to attend 4-H Exploration Days if age eligible. Individuals are responsible for all costs related to 4-H Exploration Days. County 4-H programs may choose to award scholarship monies to these individuals.

Learn more at:

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

Berrien County MSU Extension

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The youth money management contests are back this year!

This is a great chance for youth to expand their money management knowledge and compete with other youth across Michigan to earn prizes!

Cash Composition Contest (9-12 years old)

Money, money, money! In honor of Financial Awareness Month held each April, Michigan State University Extension is sponsoring the 2022 Cash Composition Contest. Youth residing in Michigan, age 9-12, have a chance to win \$100 by writing a 300 word (or less) essay on the importance of saving. Contest registration and essay submission must be completed by April 11. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/contest>

Show Your Money Smarts Contest (13-19 years old)

Do you want to learn how to harness the power of time to make your money grow AND have an opportunity to win \$100 in cash? In this fourth annual Show Your Money Smarts Contest, Michigan youth age 13-19 will compete in an on-line quiz challenge taking place the entire month of April. Contest registration must be completed by April 28, 2022 with the online quiz completed by April 30th. Contest details can be found: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/4-h-money-smarts/show-your-money-smarts-contest>

To help prepare youth for this contest, we are holding two webinars and have a self-guided learning experience.

March 24 at 6:15pm: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-3-24>
April 13 at 4:30pm: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/youth-money-4-13>
Self-guided learning: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/courses/grow-your-money>