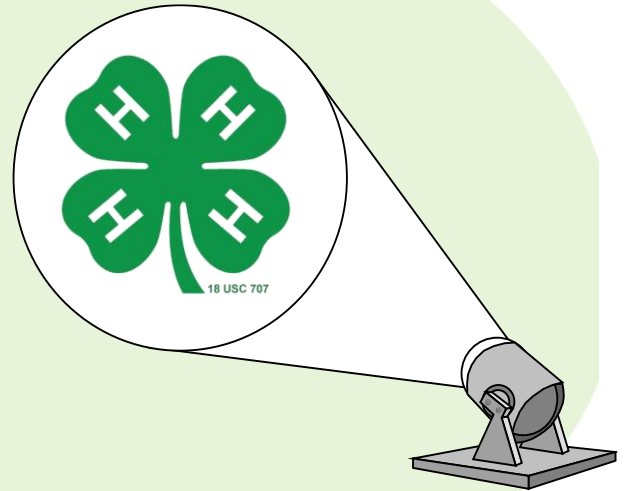


Berrien County 4-H Spotlight

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.

October 14, 2022
 Friday, November 11, 2022
 November 24 – 25, 2022
 December 23, 2022
 December 26 – December 30, 2022



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National 4-H Congress Scholarship Recipients

Each year, 20 youth in Michigan 4-H are selected to represent the state during National 4-H Congress. In this capstone 4-H youth leadership event held in Atlanta, Georgia, 4-H youth from across the U.S. will come together to experience an exciting program, full of educational, service and leadership opportunities as well as local cultural tours and experiences. The event includes outstanding community leaders, speakers and educators. This year two youth were selected from Berrien County and will receive scholarships, they are as follows:

- Daniel McKee – Redbud Country Goat 4-H Club
- Gianfranco Gregurotti – We Can Ride 4-H Club

Each youth will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1350.00 to go towards the registration fee of the trip. National 4-H Congress Trip scholarships are provided by the Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc.

World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser

Back by popular demand, is the candy bar fundraiser. This year, 4-H Clubs are able to sell candy bars for \$1.00. New, we will be selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars. Below are the 2022 deadlines for ordering:

- September 16—23, 2021: Candy Bars available for pick up
- October 2, 2022: 2nd Order Submission Forms Due
- December 6, 2021: All Money Due

Checks should be made payable to the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association and submitted to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

For questions, issues or concerns related to the candy bar sale, please contact Fundraising Chair, Chelsey Sobraliski at sobraliski.c@gmail.com or via phone at 269-487-8279.

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 at

www.TractorSupply.com
from Oct. 5-16.

Funds raised will support county, state and national 4-H programming. To learn more regarding the campaign, visit

<https://www.tractorsupply.com/tsc/cms/4h>.



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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. Zoom links for virtual projects will be sent in the email confirmation.

4-H Kit to Go! – Are You Foaming at the Mouth

- Location: Self paced at Home Kit
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Deadline: Registration due by October 31, 2022

4-H Kit to Go! – Binary Code 101

- Location: Self paced at Home Kit
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Deadline: Registration due by October 31, 2022

4-H Ceramics

- Date: October 5, 2022
- Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County MSU Extension office
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Deadline: October 1, 2022 or until full

4-H Chocolate Adventure

- Date: December 3, 2022
- Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Berrien County MSU Extension office
- Who: Open to youth ages 5—19 years as of January 1, 2023
- Deadline: November 20, 2022

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



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4-H Online is now OPEN!

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.

Club Annual Compliance Forms Due

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to submit Annual Financial Report Forms is October 28, 2022. Forms can be mailed to 1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022, dropped off at the after hours drop mailbox out front or faxed to 269-944-4128. Forms that need to be submitted include

Annual Financial Report, Civil Rights Statement, Club Profile and Inventory Record

Forms can be found online at:

[https:// www.canr.msu.edu/ berrien/ berrien_county_4_h/ leader-resources/](https://www.canr.msu.edu/berrien/berrien_county_4_h/leader-resources/)

4-H Volunteer Enrollment Changes Notice

Beginning on July 1, MSU Extension changed the annual compliance process for all volunteers. Moving forward, a background check authorization will not be required beyond the initial authorization submitted at the time of application. Furthermore, background checks will be conducted during a volunteer's birth month. A courtesy email will be sent to the volunteer at least two weeks prior to the date of the background check. If a volunteer plans to remain active, no action is required until their Volunteer Code of Conduct is due.

If the volunteer would like to resign or has already left the program, the volunteer can respond asking MSU Extension to change their activity status and not conduct the background check. It is recommended that volunteers review and complete the Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver annually to ensure emergency medical information is up-to-date. On occasion, MSU Extension will make updates to the Volunteer Code of Conduct. When this happens, volunteers will be notified and provided with a timeframe in which they must login to <https://msu.samaritan.com/custom/502/> volunteer login and update their Volunteer Code of Conduct and Media/Medical Waiver once, either in-person or virtually through Volunteer Central.



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OCTOBER 9, 2022

APPLE PICKING | HAUNTED
HOUSE | TRICK OR TREATING
| HAYRIDES | CIDER |
DONUTS | CRAFT PROJECTS

Jollay Orchards
1850 Friday Rd, Coloma, MI 49038

Free to 4-H Families & interest new members

Pre-registration required online at:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>



National 4-H Week Display Contest

Berrien County 4-H Youth Development

DEADLINE:

Entries must be submitted no later than Sunday, October 9, 2022 at midnight.

SUBMISSION:

Send pictures of your entry, graphic or video clip to:

<https://bit.ly/4-weekdisplaycontest>

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SOCIAL MEDIA:

Berrien County 4-H Youth Development Program

Facebook
[@BerrienCounty4H](https://www.facebook.com/BerrienCounty4H)



In honor of National 4-H Week on October 2—8, 2022 the Berrien County 4-H program will be hosting a Display Contest! Open to Berrien County 4-H Members and Leaders! Participants can submit up to one (1) entry into each category. Submissions can be done by an individual/family or club. Displays must be in place until October 9. Categories are judged via scoresheet (breakdown can be found on the back). Categories are as follows:

Yard & Window Displays

Each member or club can make a yard display by the road or window of a business to let everyone know about Berrien County 4-H! It can be a large arrangement of items. Take a picture and then send in information.

Social Media Graphic

Create a graphic to use on social media and post it on your social media. Note, Canva is a free program that is used often to create graphics for Facebook and Instagram.

Video Clip—Theme “Opportunity4All”

Be creative! We will use these clips in many ways during 4-H Week and beyond!

4-H DIVISIONS:

8—11 years 12—14 years 15—19 years 4-H Leader 4-H Club
Special Awards for Cloverbuds ages 5—7 years

Please note ages are as of January 1, 2022

PRIZES:

1st Place—\$50.00 2nd Place—\$30.00 3rd Place—\$20.00
Volunteer/Leader Division—The Top 3 will receive a \$30.00 gift certificate for 4-H SWAG that can be used for themselves or their club!

The Berrien County 4-H Club with the most participation including both club and individual submissions will receive a cash prize of \$100.00 to go towards club activities, resources, etc.

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BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H MEMBER & LEADER RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 6, 2022

Doors open 3:00 p.m. | Presentation 3:30 p.m.
Pebblewood Banquet Hall - Bridgman, MI

Awards Presented

include:

Citizenship

1st Year

Cloverbud

Outstanding Member &
Leader

I Dare You

Clover Years of Service
County Medal

All-Achievement

Equine, Cerny

Memorial & Alumni

Scholarships

Group Awards & More!



Pre-register online at:
<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

or by contacting the Berren
County MSU Extension
Office at 269-927-5674



THANKS



GIVING DINNER

Berrien County Farmers!

Provided by Berrien County Farm Bureau and the Berrien County 4-H Clubs

WHAT: The partnering organizations will provide Thanksgiving Dinner ingredients in a basket for needy families. Each basket will be packed with the following ingredients:

- 1 Turkey
- 1 Package of dinner rolls
- 1 Pumpkin Pie
- locally grown apples
- 1- lb of REAL butter
- 1- gallon of milk

We ask each participating 4-H Club to supply the following for each box:

- 1- 3 lb bag of potatoes
- 1- 15 oz. can of sweet potatoes
- 1- 14 oz. can of cranberries sauce
- 1- 6 oz. box of stuffing
- 1 - 87 oz. packet of dried gravy mix or a Jar of gravy
- 1 - 15 oz. can of green beans
- 1 - 15 oz. can of corn

COLLECTION: All food items are to be dropped off to the Berrien County MSU Extension Office (1737 Hillandale Road, Benton Harbor, MI 49022) starting on Monday, November 14 through Friday, November 18, 2022 by Noon. 4-H clubs with more than 3 baskets of food, we encourage to please call ahead at 269-927-5674. No food items should be dropped off to the Berrien County Farm Bureau or Berrien County Youth Fair.

ASSEMBLY: The assembly day will be Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10 a.m. Assembly is tentatively scheduled at the Berrien County Youth Memorial Building located at 9122 US Hwy 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Distribution of baskets will be from 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

Each 4-H club will have the opportunity to select the family or families that will receive their box or boxes. There will be a maximum of **110 baskets available**. *If your club needs help in identifying a needy family, please contact your local 4-H Program Coordinator. RSVP your intent to participate to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator by Friday, October 21, 2022 by calling 269.927.5674 ext. 4015; email at grandtke@msu.edu or texting 217-820-5021.

Each 4-H club that participates will be entered in a drawing to receive one of three \$100 cash prizes to be used for your club activities.



Help Berrien County Farmers share the bounty with those in need!

COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



Leadership Opportunity Available!

LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Inspire People
- ✓ Empower People
- ✓ Shared Vision
- ✓ Lead Change

The 4-H Leaders Council is currently seeking names of teens and adult leaders who would be interested in serving on the Council. Adult leaders serve a term of 3 years, while teen leaders serve a 2-year term. Leaders Council serves as Board of Directors of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association. It also serves as the counsel to the 4-H Program Coordinators. The Council usually meets the fourth Monday of each month at the MSUE Office in Benton Harbor. Interested individuals need to submit a short bio of themselves, no more than 100 words that includes club and active years. Submissions can be made by emailing Deanna Sobraliski at sobraliskimd@gmail.com. Deadline for interest is October 15, 2022. For questions contact Deanna Sobraliski at sobraliskimd@gmail.com.

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



COUNTY NEWS AND EVENTS



Annual County Curriculum Order Taking new projects!

Need a Member Record Book?
Leveling Up in your project?

Need a new project book?

Don't waste time! Reach out to your local 4-H Project Leader on what resource books you need as we look towards kicking off the new 4-H year!

This year's countywide curriculum order is scheduled to be placed on October 1, 2022.

Club Coordinator & Project Leaders can submit their requests for member & leader resources by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office

When requesting please include

- Club Name
- Resource Name (s)
- # needed

October 3-24: Adulting 101 Webinar Series Webinar

Michigan State University Extension's FREE Adulting 101 programs help teenagers and young adults demystify the obscure reality of being an "adult" through engaging educational sessions. Each FREE session is packed full of important life skills and tools necessary to live independently. Join us every Monday during October 3-24, 2022, 6-7 p.m. Register online at: www.canr.msu.edu/events/adult101fall22

October 7: Michigan 4-H Foundation Annual Membership Meeting

East Lansing, MI

Michigan 4-H Foundation members are invited to attend and vote on all items at the meeting. Members are individuals or organizations that donated \$25 or more to Michigan 4-H in the past

year. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-foundation-annual-membership-meeting>

October 11: Wild Spartans Series

Webinar

This month's 4-H Wild Spartans Series will take a leap into wetlands and riparian areas and climb to the high desert grasslands to take a closer look at plant biodiversity.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/wild-spartans-series-october-2022>

November 11-13: Michigan 4-H Creative Arts Celebration!

Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Center, Roscommon, MI

Join this popular overnight 4-H workshop with sessions in sewing, textiles, visual arts, performing arts, crafts, art of cooking, photography, poetry, music, folk art, and much more!



STATE NEWS AND EVENTS



NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Michigan 4-H Photo/Video Contest

Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development is offering a photo/video contest to help celebrate National 4-H Week – October 2-9, 2022!

We are asking 4-H volunteers, youth and alumni to share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H.”

Contest Details

- Contestants will share a photo or video highlighting “What you love about 4-H” on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, or TikTok including the hashtag #iloveMI4H. (Make sure the post is public.)
- For members of the Michigan 4-H community without social media access, submissions may also be sent by email to Gwyn Shelle at heyboerg@msu.edu.
- Ten prizes will be awarded randomly to those who share a photo or video, either through social media or by email, during National 4-H Week. Prizes include MSU Extension 4-H swag!
- The contest will go live on Oct. 2 and submissions are due by 11:59 p.m. ET on Oct. 9, 2022.

For video guidelines/support and full contest rules, visit <http://www.canr.msu.edu/4h/contest>.



4-H scholarships available; apply by Nov. 1

Outstanding Michigan 4-H members who are involved at county, regional, state, national or international levels are eligible to apply for Michigan 4-H scholarships to help fund their college experience.



A number of scholarship opportunities exist, ranging in value from \$500 to \$10,000 (over the course of four years).

All applications are due by November 1.

Learn more and access applications materials at: http://www.canr.msu.edu/4_h_scholarships_and_recognition_program/4_h_scholarships.



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Berrien County 4-H Youth Development



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