



True Vine Trails & Tails

Key Leaders:

Jaclyn Gibbs (269) 377-7525

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Meetings held in Lawton

Projects: Community service, horses

Van Buren Voyagers

Key Leaders:

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Meetings held in Paw Paw

Projects: Community service, shooting sports, outdoor adventure challenge, Project FISH, geology, entomology, Envirothon

West Valley Livestock

Key Leaders:

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Meetings held in Decatur

Projects: Community service, swine, sheep, feeder calves, beef, dairy steers, horse and pony, goats, poultry, rabbits, baking, photography, sewing, arts and crafts

Young Explorers

Key Leaders:

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Meetings held in Gobles

Projects: Community service, cats, dogs, swine, horse and pony, poultry, rabbits, vet science, beef, feeder calves, dairy, lab animals, plants, goats, sewing, knitting, reptiles, arts and crafts

The 4-Hs

Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are the four Hs in 4-H, and they are the four values members work on through fun and engaging programs.

- Head - Managing, Thinking
- Heart - Relating, Caring
- Hands - Giving, Working
- Health - Being, Living

4-H Pledge

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

**For more information on
Van Buren County 4-H contact :**

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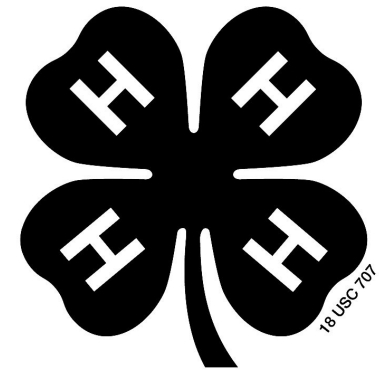
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4-H Clubs

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What does 4-H offer?

For young people, 4-H provides fine, educational opportunities through 4-H groups, afterschool programs and local, state, national and international events.

For older teens, 4-H offers the opportunity to test and develop leadership skills as 4-H volunteers, sharing their skills in a variety of programs and project areas with younger 4-H'ers.

4-H believes in the power of young people to make a difference.

How old to kids have to be to join 4-H and how much does it cost?

4-H programs are open to everyone aged 5 to 19. There is no longer a participation fee to join 4-H.

Individual groups may charge dues to cover expenses, and some project area may require extra investments for supplies, equipment and travel.

How do I join 4-H?

Contact the 4-H staff at your local Michigan State University Extension office or contact one of the clubs listed on this brochure.

Van Buren County Michigan State University Extension office (269) 657-8213.

Almena Happy Helpers

Key Leaders:

Lori Alexander (269) 217-0072
Carisa Hostetler (269) 377-9998
Meetings held in Mattawan

Projects: Community service, swine, beef, goats, rabbits, pocket pets, tie dye, cats, dogs, rocks and minerals, entomology, canning, cooking, sheep, poultry, photography, animal notebooks, vet science, bee keeping, cooking, misc. crafts

Dream Chasers

Key Leader:

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Meetings held in Lawrence

Projects: Community service, horses, arts and crafts

Farm, Friends & Family

Key Leaders:

Sabrina Streit (269) 998-8451
Meetings held in Lawrence
Projects: Community service, swine, beef, sheep, rabbits, arts and crafts

Geneva Wrens

Key Leader:

Tina Loomis (269) 767-2674
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Meetings held in Bangor
Projects: Community Service, cloverbuds, rabbits, cavies, cows, poultry, arts and crafts

Porter Busy Fingers

Key Leader:

Mary Darling (269)-624-6944
Meetings held in Lawton
Projects: Community service, pocket pets, wood working, shooting sports, swine, dogs, beef, goats, dairy, jewelry, photography, rabbits, poultry, arts and crafts

Shamrock Shakers

Key Leaders:

Tod Kubiszak (269) 760-1063
Karen Kubiszak (269) 254-4085
Meetings held in Paw Paw
Projects: Community service, large livestock, small animals, arts and crafts

Silver Spurs

Key Leader:

Nancy Wheatley (269) 271-7072
Meetings held in Paw Paw
Projects: Community service, horse and pony, dogs, cats, rocks & minerals, Entomology

South Haven Jay Dees

Key Leader:

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Meetings held in South Haven
Projects: Community service, poultry, cloverbuds, baking, tin punch, recycling, feeder calves, woodworking, clothing/sewing, cats, goats, rabbits, arts and crafts