Mecosta County
4-H CLUB DIRECTORY

2014-2015 Program Year

Big Rapids, MI 49307
Back Road Country Kids 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Remus (Chippewa Hills High School - Ag Room
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month, 3-4pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Myra VanSyckle, Main Leader
  - Phone: (989)-967-3295  Email: t2m2vansyckle@yahoo.com
  - Address: 2067 11 Mile Rd. Remus, MI 49340
- **Co-Leader Information:** Casey Baumann, Livestock Projects
- **Project Leader:** Emily Battle - Livestock Projects
- **Teen Leaders:** Wendy Stevens and Travis VanSyckle
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Beef, Swine, Rabbits, Dairy, Sheep, Leadership, Poultry and Community Service
- **Facebook Page:** Back Road Country Kids
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

Barnyard Bunch 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Clear Lake Golf Course/Kim Wilbur’s House
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Every 6 months, 3pm or 6pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Steve Doughty, Main Leader
  - Phone: (231)-972-3620  Email: andrea.doughty@yahoo.com
  - Address: 5350 13 Mile Rd. Remus, MI 49340
- **Co-Leader Information:** Kim Wilbur, Horse Projects
- **Project Leader:** Steve Doughty - Livestock projects
- **Teen Leaders:** Julia Doughty
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Swine, Beef, Dairy Breedstock, Dairy Feeders, Goats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits and Horse projects
- **Facebook Page:** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
Black Hills 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Remus (Chippewa Hills High School - Ag Room or the Mecosta County Fairgrounds
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** TBD; Sundays at 4pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Paula Carrick, Main Leader
  Phone: (989)-621-9565  Email: pcarrick66@gmail.com
  Address: Blanchard, MI
- **Co-Leader Information:** Jacee Potts, Horse/Pony Projects
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** Morgan Carrick
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Beef, Horse, Pony, Goats, Swine, Sheep, and Poultry (Turkey)
- **Facebook Page?** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

Blazin' Broncs 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** 9877 Cypress Rd., Newaygo, MI 49337
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Monthly, 7pm on either Wednesday or Thursday
- **Leader Contact Information:** Nancy Robbins, Main Leader
  Phone: (231)-629-1741  Email: nrobbins@pathway.net.com
  Address: 9877 Cypress Rd., Newaygo, MI 49337
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** TBD
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse, pony and craft projects
- **Facebook Page?** Nancy Robbins (personal page)
- **Open to New Members?** Not at this time
- **Cloverbud Program?** Not at this time
Boots and Blue Jeans 4-H Club
• **Meeting Location:** 7880 140th Ave. Stanwood, MI 49346
• **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once/twice a month, 3pm Sunday
• **Leader Contact Information:** Trudiane Covey, Main Leader
  
  Phone: (231)-527-8022  Email: trudianec@gmail.com
  
  Address: 14443 8 Mile Rd. Stanwood, MI 49346
• **Co-Leader Information:** Amanda Schmitz, Horse and Livestock
• **Project Leader:** N/A
• **Teen Leaders:** Frankie Covey and Randy Covey, Jr.
• **4-H Projects Offered:** Beef, Horse, Pony, Dairy Cattle, Swine and Goats
• **Facebook Page:** Boots and Blue Jeans 4-H Club
• **Open to New Members?** Yes
• **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

Country Critters 4-H Club
• **Meeting Location:** Mecosta County Service Building (Big Rapids)
• **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month, Mondays from 6:30 to 8:30pm
• **Leader Contact Information:** Marie Goltz, Main Leader
  
  Phone: (989)-560-2968  Email: mmgoltz@gmail.com
  
  Address: 6537 10th Ave. Blanchard, MI 49390
• **Co-Leader Information:** Patty Holiday, All projects
• **Project Leader:** N/A
• **Teen Leaders:** Andrew Goltz and Matthew Gould
• **4-H Projects Offered:** Beef/Feeders, Rabbits, Swine, Poultry, Sheep and Goats
• **Facebook Page:** N/A
• **Open to New Members?** Yes
• **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
Grant Center Pioneer 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Old Fellow Lodge (Big Rapids)
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month/TBD
- **Leader Contact Information:** Venus Aris, Main Leader
  Phone: (231)-796-7826  Email: v_aris22@hotmail.com
  Address: 15528 20 Mile Rd. Big Rapids, MI 49307
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** TBD
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Rabbits, Swine, Poultry (Turkeys), Sheep, Goats, Crafts and Cooking
- **Facebook Page:** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

Hats to Hooves 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** 10816 Hemlock Ave. Howard City, MI
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Monthly, Thursday Evenings
- **Leader Contact Information:** Nikki Simcoe, Main Leader
  Phone: (231)-245-4048
  Email: nikki.simcoe@live.com/rbusrelly@live.com
  Address: 10816 Hemlock Ave. Howard City, MI 49329
- **Co-Leader Information:** Tina Simcoe, Horses/Crafts
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** Emma Langerak
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse and craft projects
- **Facebook Page:** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Not at this time
- **Cloverbud Program?** Not at this time
Mecosta County 4-H Hippology Club

- **Meeting Location:** Mecosta County Service Building (Big Rapids)
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Monthly, 6:30-8:30pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Teri Ouderkirk, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-349-0073  Email: teriouderkirk@yahoo.com  
  Address: 9819 Oak Ave Paris, MI 49819
- **Co-Leader Information:** Mary Katke, Horse projects
- **Project Leader:** Trudy Herzog, Horse projects
- **Teen Leaders:** N/A
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse knowledge and competition in slides, skills, written and oral judging.
- **Facebook Page:** Mecosta County Hippology
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes - riding only, not studying

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Hooves of Thunder 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** United Church, Big Rapids
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** 3rd Sunday of Month, 4-6pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Liza Ing, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-660-2975  Email: ingl@ferris.edu  
  Address: 13280 220th Ave Big Rapids, MI 4907
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** Daylan Nickisson - Horse projects
- **Teen Leaders:** Elaine Nevins and Haley Hanford
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse projects and community service
- **Facebook Page:** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
Little Britches 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Connie/Cathy’s House or Fairgrounds Horse Arena
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** 1-2/month, Sunday afternoons
- **Leader Contact Information:** Connie Schultz, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-856-8938  Email: dunrightly@gmail.com  
  Address: 19409 Monroe Rd. Morley, MI 49336
- **Co-Leader Information:** Cathy Miles, Horse/Pony Projects
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** TBD
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Swine, Beef, Dairy Breedstock, Dairy Feeders, Goats, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbits and Horse projects
- **Facebook Page:** N/A - send email to: cathymiles@yahoo.com
- **Open to New Members?** Yes, up to 6 new members
- **Cloverbud Program?** Not at this time

Morley Stanwood Critter Club 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Mecosta County Services Building
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** 7 times a year/6pm on weeknights
- **Leader Contact Information:** Sandy Carey, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-218-5104  Email: sandycarey@hotmail.com  
  Address: 17631 197th Ave Big Rapids, MI 49307
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** Lisa Voelker - Beef and Swine; Jenn Marfio - Dairy; Danette Doyle - Foods/Nutrition
- **Teen Leaders:** Zane Carey, Lauren Voelker, Brooke Voelker and Lauren Marfio
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Market/Dairy Beef, Feeder Calves, Dairy Breedstock, Swine and Foods/Nutrition
- **Facebook Page:** Morley Stanwood Critter Club
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
Outback Riders 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Community Mental Health for Central Michigan
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** 1-2/month, 1st Sun. from 3-5pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Brandi Shelton, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-250-7902  Email: horsemama9268@yahoo.com  
  Address: 9268 S. Hawkins Rd. Reed City, MI 49677
- **Co-Leader Information:** Dawn Gravelyn, Livestock and Small Animals
- **Project Leader:** Chad Leal - Horse projects and Amy Parker - Horses
- **Teen Leaders:** Josie Shelton and Summer Gravelyn
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horses, Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Swine and Community Service Projects
- **Facebook Page:** N/A
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

Pinegrove 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** 23070 20 Mile Rd. Paris, MI 49338
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Monthly, Sundays at 4pm
- **Leader Contact Information:** Trudy Herzog, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-598-1965  Email: therzog25@gmail.com  
  Address: 23070 20 Mile Rd. Paris, MI 49338
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** N/A
- **Teen Leaders:** Rebecca Herzog, Margaret Robinson, McKenzie Gillum and Liberty Posigian
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Beef, Swine, Goats, Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry (Turkeys), Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service Projects
- **Facebook Page:** Mecosta County 4-H Pinegrove Club
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
Silver Spurs 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Chippewa Lake
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month, in the afternoon
- **Leader Contact Information:** Jamie Bissett, Main Leader
  
  Phone: (231)-250-1808  Email: jh_smiles@hotmail.com
  Address: 17870 90th Ave. Rodney, MI 49342

- **Co-Leader Information:** Brian Marquart, Horse and Livestock Projects

- **Project Leader:** Emily Battle - Horse projects

- **Teen Leaders:** Rebekah Bissett and Travis VanSyckle

- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse projects

- **Facebook Page:** TBD

- **Open to New Members?** Not at this time

- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

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Stanwood Pioneers 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Stanwood, MI

- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Winter: 2x a month; Spring/Summer: 2x a week

- **Leader Contact Information:** Tiffany Spedowski, Main Leader
  
  Phone: (231)-287-0113  Email: tspeds@yahoo.com
  Address: 7714 155th Ave. Stanwood, MI 49346

- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A

- **Project Leader:** Janet Snider - Horses, Tammy Belka - Horses, Rebecca Reese - Horses, and Jamie Weeks - Livestock Projects

- **Teen Leaders:** TBD

- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horses, Rabbits, Poultry (Ducks), Goats, Swine, Dairy Feeders, and Sheep

- **Facebook Page:** Stanwood Pioneers

- **Open to New Members?** Yes

- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes
**Tamarack Town and Country 4-H Club**

- **Meeting Location:** First Baptist Church Youth Activity Center (Howard City, MI)
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month, Saturday - alternate times
- **Leader Contact Information:** Darcie Marek, Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-937-6578  Email: bigredd@frontier.com  
  Address: 5740 Reed Rd. Howard City, MI 49329
- **Project Leader:** Beth Syperda—Goats, Ramona Okkema—Sheep and Rabbits, Kristy Stevens—Goats, Jennifer Sylvester—Poultry, Pat Marek—Bovine/Beef/Dairy, and Dee Bozek—Horse and Pony Projects
- **Teen Leaders:** Evelyn Okkema and Summer Marek
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Rabbits, Goats, Poultry, Horses, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, and Community Service Projects
- **Facebook Page:** Tamarack Town & Country
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

**Mecosta County 4-H Teen Club**

- **Meeting Location:** TBD; Mecosta County Service Building
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Monthly, TBD
- **Leader Contact Information:** Dawn Gravelyn, Admin. Leader  
  Phone: (989)-382-5854  Email: dgravelyn0@gmail.com  
  Address: 16169 10th Ave Remus, MI 49340
- **Co-Leader Information:** Ramona Okkema; monac1000@gmail.com
- **Project Leader:** TBD
- **Teen Leaders:** TBD
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Leadership, Citizenship & Community Service Projects as well as craft projects
- **Facebook Page:** Mecosta County 4-H Teen Club
- **Open to New Members?** Yes - youth 13-19 years of age
- **Cloverbud Program?** N/A
Unbridled 4-H Club

- **Meeting Location:** Big Rapids Public School
- **Meeting Occurrence/Time:** Once a month, usually Sunday afternoons
- **Leader Contact Information:** Deb Dygert Main Leader  
  Phone: (231)-679-1001  Email: debdygert@gmail.com
- **Co-Leader Information:** N/A
- **Project Leader:** Karen GreenBay and Leah Melichar — Horse Projects
- **Teen Leaders:** TBD
- **4-H Projects Offered:** Horse projects
- **Facebook Page:** Unbridled 4-H Horse Club
- **Open to New Members?** Yes
- **Cloverbud Program?** Yes

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Don’t see a club that’s a perfect fit for you?  
**Creating a new club is EASY!**

**Contact the office today for more details!**

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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.