Berrien County MSU Extension Office

Upcoming County closed dates:

February 19, 2018
March 30, 2018

The Berrien County MSU Extension Office will open at its regular hours, the next business day. Please, make sure to plan ahead to accommodate the above closures.

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.

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2018 Leaders Council Officers:
The Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council held their annual officer elections during their January Re-organizational meeting on January 22, 2018. Officers are appointed to serve in their roles for one year. The NEW 2018 Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council Officers are:

- **President**: Amanda Pullins of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club
- **Vice President**: Tracie Baker of Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club
- **Secretary**: Amber Smith of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club
- **Treasurer**: Natasha Hesser of Point of Impact 4-H Club & Rainbow Tracks 4-H Club
- **Foundation Representative**: Amanda Pullins of Backyard Renegades 4-H Club

Members of the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc. executive board also known as the Berrien County 4-H Leaders Council include: Emily Melton, Roxy Cochran, Chrissy Bradford, Mark Dinges, Bobbi Lawson, Darlene Mattson (Teen), Reese McKee (Teen) and Sydney Melton (Teen).

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**SAVE THE DATE—2018 Spring Achievement**

**May 18 & 19, 2018**

**Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs**

Please note, with much consideration Seasonal Expo will revert back to its original name of Spring Achievement. 2018 Spring Achievement will take the place of Seasonal Expo.

Spring Achievement is a 4-H Exhibition where 4-H’ers showcase their project achievements over the last year! The Objectives of Spring Achievement are to:

- Bring the HEAD – HEART – HANDS & HEALTH of 4-H to life!
- Provide opportunity for 4-H members to demonstrate project-learned skills while building their portfolio.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to publicly display their accomplishments.
- Provide 4-H members a supportive evaluation for each of their projects.
- Provide the community an opportunity to see the quality and quantity of work being done by 4-H’ers.
- Attract new members to the Berrien County 4-H Program.
- Provide 4-H members an opportunity to compete for special recognition of their projects.
- Provide 4-H members, leaders, and parents an opportunity to meet other 4-H families.
- Provide an opportunity to demonstrate 4-H TEAMWORK in the efficient set-up, tear down, and operation of the event.

Take time and talk to your Club & Project Leaders on what projects are eligible.

THE 2018 HANDBOOK and EVALUATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY!
Berrien County 4-H: County-wide Projects

String Art Workshop

In this fun-filled workshop, participants will create colorful designs by wrapping thread between two points to make custom patterns.

Date: Sunday, February 25, 2018
Time: 2:00—5:00 PM
Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI
Cost: FREE
Who: Open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age
**Cloverbuds (5-8 years) must be accompanied by an Adult or a Teen Leader that is participating in the project.**

Register by:
- Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674
- Emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu

Limited number of spots available. Registration has been extended to 20 youth. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis.

Expressive Arts Workshop

The Expressive Arts Workshop is designed for participants to create various arts & crafts projects. Tentative projects that youth will take part in include:

- Glass Etching
- Floral Arrangement
- Air Freshener
- And more......

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018
Time: 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI
Cost: FREE
Who: Open to 4-H members ages 5—19 years of age

Snacks will be provided, however, participants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Registration Deadline
March 20, 2018 or when full.

Register by:
- Calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or
- Emailing Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu

Registration is limited to 30 youth. Spots are filled on a first come first serve basis until full.
Volunteer Opportunity Available:

The Berrien County Youth Fair Dog Department is looking for four volunteers to assist with the handling, the set up and the tear down of the BCYF Traditional Dog Agility Competition equipment on Wednesday, August 15th, 2018.

You will receive a BCYF day pass for volunteering and Community Service Volunteer Hour Letter for your services.

If interested, please call Linda Shannon-Chaillat at 269-934-0462 or email at shannollet@sbcglobal.net.

Club Coordinator/Admin. Leader 4-H Online Training

The Berrien County 4-H will offer two trainings for Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders on 4-H Online. Club Coordinators/Admin. Leaders will learn how to generate reports, approve members, ask questions and gain a better understanding of the 4-H Online enrollment system.

Dates: Monday, April 30, 2018 and Thursday, October 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM—7:30 PM

Where: Berrien County MSU Extension Office in Benton Harbor, MI

Cost: FREE

Who: Open to 4-H Club Coordinators and Administrative Leaders

Register at:
By Email to Kelly Stelter, 4-H Program Coordinator at grandtke@anr.msu.edu or calling the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674

Participants are asked to bring their laptops with as well as already have access to their 4-H Online Club section.

Deadline to register for a session is one week before the event. For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.

SAVE THE DATE—2018 Annual Leader Update Training

The Berrien County 4-H Annual Leader Update Training dates have been set. Don't waste time and mark those calendars. Club Coordinators, project, and resource leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. It is important that each 4-H club/group is represented. Volunteers that are working on becoming new club leaders are also welcome. This is a valuable opportunity. Leaders only need to attend one time.

September 17
6:00—8:00 PM

September 20
9:00—11:00 AM

September 20
6:00—8:00 PM

All sessions will be at the Berrien County MSU Extension Office.

Please pick a date and RSVP to Jennifer or Jamie at 269-927-5674 by September 10, 2018 in order to assist us with having enough materials at each session. For questions, please contact the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674.
4-H Officer Training
Emphasis will be on the treasurer’s role and importance of funds management for all officers.

WHEN:
February 17, 2018
9:30 a.m.—Noon
Or
February 22, 2018
6:00—8:30 p.m.

WHERE:
MSU Extension
1737 Hillendale Road
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

COST:
Free

TO REGISTER:
Registration by February 12, 2018 is required to prepare for snacks and materials. Use this online link https://events.anr.msu.edu/Berrien4hofficertraining2018/or contact:

Kelly Stelter
4-H Program Coordinator
269-927-5674, x 4015

SPONSOR:
This training is provided with generous funding from Chemical Bank to the Michigan 4-H Foundation, Inc.

Refreshments and light snacks will be provided.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
- Young people who are serving as a 4-H officer, especially as treasurer
- Young people who want to be a 4-H treasurer in the future
- 4-H volunteers working with 4-H youth officers

DESCRIPTION:
This workshop will help participants understand the roles of 4-H officers and benefits of developing useful life skills for their future, including— decision-making, communication, responsibility, leadership, attention to detail and record-keeping.

Focus will be on the treasurer’s role and the importance of working together as a team. Treasurer responsibilities have become increasingly important. Because 4-H is a public group, a 4-H treasurer’s tasks are quite different from those of a private company’s treasurer or an individual. A 4-H group treasurer is responsible to other officers, members, adult volunteers, Michigan State University and to the Public.

Participants will learn about:
- The roles of officers
- Running a meeting; complete with practice!
- Connecting the role of treasurer with other officers, adult 4-H leaders and MSU Extension staff members.
- Money handling expectations including the use of receipts, timely deposits and timely bill payments.
- The importance of budgeting.
- Appropriate use of funds and fund-raising do’s and don’ts.
- Check-writing and reconciling accounts.
- Tips for creating treasurer reports and annual financial statements.

**Treasurer’s will receive a copy of the recently released Financial Manual for 4-H Treasurers.

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BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB IS OFFERING

4-H JUNIOR SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES

For Traditional and Non-Traditional 4-H’ers!

Cost: FREE for 4-H’ers. $50.00 for non 4-H’ers.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m

Place: Mutterly Love
200 Kerth
St. Joseph, MI 49085
Phone: 269-983-6946

Registration: A MUST. Please contact Linda Shannon-Chaillet at 269-934-0462 or email at shannollet@sbcglobal.net.

Dog Tools Needed: Dog (cleaned and groomed), proper length showmanship lead (don’t worry if you do not have one in the beginning), poop bags, paper towel, drool towel, dog brush, dog comb, water and dog treats.

Junior Showmanship Class Dates are:

1. Monday, March 5, 2018
2. Monday, March 12, 2018
3. Monday, March 19, 2018
4. Monday, March 26, 2018
5. Monday, April 2, 2018

Junior Showmanship Training Goals -

1. Proper Dress for the Show Ring
2. Tools of the Trade
3. Grooming for your breed
4. Proper Gaiting for your breed
5. Table Presenting for your breed
6. Floor Presenting for your breed
7. Judging Procedures
8. Standards for your breed
BERRIEN COUNTY TACK SWAP
Saturday – March 17th 2018 @ 1:00 - 4:00 PM

NEW LOCATION – Shadow Trailer World Michigan
8716 US 31N, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

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Early Registration, before February 28th, 2018 -- 1 - 8x10’ spot for $20 OR 2 for $35
Reserve spots at the door for $30 each or 2 for $45
MUST bring your own Tables, Hanging Racks and CHAIRS

Set up opens at 11:30 a.m.

All clean-up and removal of items must be done by 5:00pm!

For more information contact: Pam McCalebb 269-362-3252 or we_luv_paints@yahoo.com

Mail Registration and Payment to:
Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCalebb
114 S. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107

BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, DAMAGED OR STOLEN ITEMS. NO REFUNDS!

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Please mail in this portion of the Registration Agreement & PAYMENT – by 2/26/18

Name: ______________________________________ Phone # ________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________________

(Street, City, State, Zip)
E-Mail: _____________________________________________@__________________________

Number of 8X10’ Spots (1—$20 or 2-$35) ____________________ Total $____________

Make Checks Payable to: Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders

Mail Registration and Payment to:
Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCalebb
114 S. Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107
STATEWIDE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-H Workshops and Events

February 16-17: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
This workshop is designed for 4-H teens and adults who are fascinated by animal health and want to explore animal systems. Registration due Feb. 4.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_veterinary_science_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 17: 4-H Dog Project Leaders and Judges Workshop
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Learn how agility, obedience, rally and showmanship classes are evaluated. Registration due Feb. 9.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dog_project_leader_and_judges_workshop_1

February 17-18: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Take your beef, sheep or swine project to the next level by attending this workshop and learning about animal health, management, care and nutrition. Registration due Feb. 4.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_beef_sheep_and_swine_teen_and_adult_leaders_workshop2

February 19: Youth Business Guide to Success: Make the Most of Your Market Livestock Project Workshop
Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center, Frankenmuth
Spend some time learning about the business and entrepreneurial aspects of your livestock project. Register by Feb. 15.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/youth_business_guide_to_success_make_the_most_of_your_market_livestock_proj

February 24: Michigan 4-H Embryology Staff, Teacher and Volunteer Training
Grand Traverse County MSU Extension, Traverse City
This training is designed for educators who would like to learn how to implement an embryology program through classroom activities or 4-H SPIN clubs.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_embryology_staff_teacher_and_volunteer_training_grand_traverse

March 9-11: Michigan 4-H Dairy Conference
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Learn about Michigan agriculture, increase knowledge of the dairy industry, and develop life skills!
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan_4_h_dairy_conference_2

March 17-18: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
Kettunen Center, Tustin
Youth ages 9-13 will learn about food science and healthy living while meeting youth from around the state.
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/challenge_u_4_h_funfest

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to http://4h.msue.msu.edu/events.
Capitol Experience registration now available!

All high school students have the opportunity to register for Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience, an annual four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. Attend to experience state government in action and learn how you can influence policy issues.

Each participant will select and research an issue area, with topics ranging from animal agriculture, civil rights, education, technology, and more. Together, groups draft a bill related to the issue and move the bill through a legislative simulation. While spending time in Lansing, youth will interact with legislators, tour Michigan’s Capitol, discover how policy is made, explore potential politically-related careers and more!

Registration is available at https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/ and is due by March 16.

World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute now accepting applications!

On May 10, Michigan youth passionate about addressing global food security will gather for the World Food Prize Michigan Youth Institute (WFPMIYI).

This life-changing experience offers the next generation of globally-minded leaders an opportunity to address international challenges through the investigation of new technology, potential academic pursuits, and future careers that will impact food insecurity across the world.

This year, the WFPMIYI will be held in two locations: Michigan State University and the Upper Peninsula Research and Extension Center in Chatham. Applications for the institute are due April 1. For more information, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/wfpmiyyi.

Youth Pork Quality Assurance roll-over information

For many years, the Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA) Plus Program has been the core quality assurance certification program for youth who sell and exhibit their swine, including many Michigan 4-H’ers. In 2015, it was decided that the YPQA Plus program would be completely redesigned into an overarching, all-species quality assurance program known as the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Program.

The intended final roll-out date for the YQCA program was January 2018, however, delays in the platform development led to an extension of the existing YPQA Plus program until June 1, 2018. Youth with a current YPQA Plus certification will remain certified until the expiration date has passed; there will not be an extension for youth certifications. YPQA Plus certifications, as well as YQCA certifications, will be accepted by and could be required by processors and certain fairs and livestock exhibitions.

For more information about YPQA rollover, visit http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/youth_pork_quality_assurance_program_rollover_information.
State 4-H Goat Expo
April 14, 2018
Michigan State University, Anthony Hall
East Lansing, MI

Contests include:

◊ Quiz Bowl
◊ Breed Judging
◊ Skill-A-Thon
◊ Illustrated Talk
◊ Creative Writing
◊ Educational Posters
◊ Cookery & Foods
◊ Arts & Crafts
◊ Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Cost:
$5.00 per participant, $3 per a contest

Age Requirement:
All exhibitors must be aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2018

To Register visit:
https://events.anr.msu.edu/2018goatexpo/

Please call the Berrien County
MSU Extension Office at

269-927-5674

for Berrien County 4-H Scholarship opportunities for state workshop, programs and events.

4-H Teens as Teachers
Workshop
March 3-4, 2018
Tamarack Camps, Ortonville, MI
for 4-H teens ages 13-19 (4-H age)

4-H teen leaders are being sought to help meet the challenge of educating the next generation of young people!! You will have the opportunity to build your own leadership skills while teaching a fun lesson to other young people on one of these important and timely topics: Ag literacy, Healthy Living or Money Management.

Registration deadline: 2-16-18
https://events.anr.msu.edu/TeenTeachers18/

$25
Contact your local MSU Extension office for questions and local scholarship information.

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REGISTRATION COMING SOON

Come to 4-H Exploration Days!

4-H Exploration Days is an annual MSU Pre-College Program that attracts about 2,500 participants from across Michigan.

There’s always lots to do and see at 4-H Exploration Days! Have fun, learn new things and make new friends on the beautiful MSU campus! Choose from 200 action-packed learning sessions, including:

- Animal Science
- Careers & Entrepreneurship
- Communication
- Environmental Education
- Food, Nutrition & Fitness
- Science, Engineering & Technology
- Visual & Performing Arts & more!

Come join the fun!
4-H Exploration Days registrations are due to your local MSU Extension office by April 27, 2018. Ask your local MSU Extension office for a copy of the registration book, or get it from our website at: http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/4_h_exploration_days

Entertainment
An exciting, fun, high-energy show in the world class Wharton Center is bound to entertain you!

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