The Mission of the Berrien County 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.

Did you know…
- 4-Hers are 41 percent less likely to drink, smoke or do drugs than their peers.
- 4-Hers are 25 percent more likely to contribute to their communities than their peers.
- 4-Hers are more likely to have at least a “B” or 3.0 average than their peers, both in high school and college.
- Young people in 4-H report better grades, higher levels of academic competence and an elevated level of engagement at school.
- 4-Hers are nearly two times more likely to plan to go to college,
- 4-Hers are more likely to pursue future courses or careers in science, engineering or computer technology.
- Girls in 4-H are more than twice as likely to participate in science, engineering or computer technology programs as their peers.

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4-H LEADERS COUNCIL NEWS

Your 4-H Leaders Council has been very busy planning new and exciting things for our program. Please be sure to take advantage of all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer!

New 4-H T-Shirts! As many of you have heard, all members and active leaders will be receiving a Berrien County 4-H T-Shirt to help you represent our county program at 4-H events and outings. This is being made possible by our county participation fee funds and 4-H Leaders Council. We would like “the shirt” to be debuted on Tuesday, August 16th at the Berrien County Youth Fair. These shirts could also be worn when your club does a community service project, goes on field trips, or during fundraising events.

4-H Promotional Booth — The 4-H Leaders Council will again coordinate a 4-H promotional booth during the Berrien County Youth Fair. For 2011, you will find us in building #34, the USA AG EXPO BUILDING, with many activities and lots of information about our program. Be sure to steer Fair visitors our way!

Adult and teen leaders are needed to lead project demonstrations and activities throughout the week. Please contact Elaine McKee if you are interested in helping promote our great program! Be sure to check out the daily activities and give-aways.

We will also host the 4-H Food Drive sponsored by Berrien County Farm Bureau. See the information in this newsletter and let’s make this the best year ever to help those in need in our community!

New this year— THE 4-H BOOK OF CHAMPIONS! If you are a 4-H member that wins a BCYF Grand, Reserve Grand Champion, Champion or Reserve Champion for a project that you are currently enrolled in 4-H for, we want to hear how 4-H helped you achieve your goals! Find the The Book of Champions in the booth and answer the writing prompt: HOW 4-H HAS HELPED ME ACHIEVE MY GOALS:. All those who participate in this activity will be entered into a drawing for prizes to be awarded during 4-H Recognition in October.

4-H Alumni Scholarship Reception—The 4-H Scholarship reception will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2011, at the Horse Complex at the BCYF. The presentation will take place at the start of the 4-H Horse Versatility Event at 2:00 p.m. Come and join your fellow 4-H’ers and congratulate this year’s recipients.

Save the Date—The 2011 4-H Leader and Club Coordinator Update is planned for September 23-27. Watch your mail for more details. It is mandatory that each 4-H club has representation at the update. This helps everyone start the new 4-H year on the right foot. Participants also experience the benefits of time to network, ask questions, and always learning what is new in Berrien County 4-H! Middle Managers and 4-H Leaders Council members will also be on hand as resource people and to help facilitate Update.
BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION CELEBRATES SUCCESS!!

It is with a great deal of relief and joy I can report to you the success of our 3rd annual golf outing held May 24th at Orchard Hills Country Club in Buchanan. Due to the support of businesses and individuals and clubs throughout Berrien County and beyond the Foundation benefitted by adding over $10,000 to the endowment in cash and accepted over $2,700 in non cash, in-kind donations.

With 44 golfers participating and generous donations from hole sponsors, Foundation board members, Tyler Automotive in Niles and Siemens Automotive Group in Bridgman, the day was a success- including the beautiful spring weather.

Please take a few moments to read through the list of supporters of our 2011 event. If you encounter them in your daily life or patronize their businesses, thank them for supporting 4-H in our county. Because of fundraising efforts like this the Foundation can fund programming for youngsters and leaders in Berrien County 4-H.

Hole Sponsors:

All-Bar 4-H Club, Buchanan
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Tribute to Best Friends 4-H Club
Larry & Kathy Wise, Dowagiac

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Tribute to Expo Arena at BCYF

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Redbud Country Goat 4-H Club
Shafer Lake Fruit, Hartford
Tom Rossman State Farm Insurance, New Buffalo
Tyler Automotive, Benton Harbor & Niles

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Thank you to everyone who helped in making this a success including Chairperson Lyn Winkel from South Haven and her hard working committee.

Respectfully and in celebration,
Karen K Kietzer, President

4-H Horse and Pony News

- Don’t forget that 4-H Versatility applications are due to Kay Francis by July 13th.
- Applications are available at the MSUE Office.
- Pictures of participants and their horses should be emailed to: koolcowgirl07@hotmail.com.

Find us on Facebook!

Be sure to search “Berrien County 4-H Youth Program” and click the “Like” button to stay up to date on what is happening in our county.

Reminder: All clubs that wish to have a Facebook page, must sign an internet usage agreement with the 4-H Program. Please contact Elaine McKee @ 269-944-4126 or emckee@anr.msu.edu for details.
When:   Saturday, August 6, 2011
Time:    10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Where:  Benton Park–Benton Harbor
Who:    All 4-H members are welcome
         with a parent
Cost:   Free! Bring a picnic lunch and have fun!

Contests and Prizes for Youth!  Activities for All Ages!

All MDNR fishing rules apply.
For questions, and to RSVP, please contact Allen Metz at:
gofish.bc4h@gmail.com or 269-944-1035
Parents/adult must have a current fishing license to fish.

Benton Park is near M-139 and the I-94 on/off ramp. Turn on Ferguson Dr.
which "T's" into Somerlayton Rd., turn left. Somerlayton turns into Zollar
Dr. which goes right to the park.

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**Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative**

**TO JOIN:**

1. Go to: www.presidentschallenge.org/
2. Fill out the registration form
3. When you arrive at your personal dashboard page, click on the groups tab and search for the group named “Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative”
4. After you’ve registered start logging in your entries and you’ll be closer to getting a President’s Challenge Award

4-H Healthy Living encompasses a holistic approach including healthy eating habits, physical fitness, the capacity to recognize and direct emotions, and the ability to develop and maintain positive social interactions and relationships. Youth and their families engaged in 4-H Healthy Living will develop an awareness and positive attitude about healthy living while increasing their knowledge, skills, and competencies in physical, social, and emotional well-being.

The Moving Michigan Initiative provides a number of ways for youth, families, and volunteers to engage in healthy lifestyles. Participants can earn the President’s Active Living Award (PALA), become health ambassadors, and experience the youth summit on healthy living. Many of the activities 4-H members are already doing increase healthy living. The Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative asks us to work together to better encourage healthy living and share the great story of the programming we do to inspire it.

**Who can participate?**

- Individuals of all ages can complete the PALA

**Why would we want to be involved in Moving Michigan?**

- To collectively be able to show the impact we make

**What are the opportunities?**

- Youth & volunteers in club, mentoring, afterschool, or any other 4-H programming and their families

**Stay connected with our Facebook page, where you can submit videos of your activities for a chance to be featured online, see what others are doing for activities and get ideas for your own workouts.**

**Facebook Search:**

**Moving Michigan: 4-H Healthy Youth Initiative.**
2011 Food Drive Challenge!
August 15-20 @ the Berrien County Youth Fair
USA Ag Expo Building #34

Sponsored by: BERNIEN COUNTY FARM BUREAU®

Put your HANDS to larger service to help our community!

♦ Delivery of your items should be made by August 20 at 9:00 p.m.
♦ The method in which the food is collected will be up to each club individually.
  ♦ No expired, damaged or opened items.
  ♦ Paper products and cleaning supplies are acceptable.
  ♦ The winning club is determined by the item count brought in, divided by the total club membership supplied by the MSU Extension Office.
  ♦ Bulk purchases: i.e. GFS will be counted at the discretion of the committee.
♦ Cash prizes will be awarded to the four 4-H Clubs with the highest percentage of items donated.
  1st place: $200, 2nd place: $150, 3rd place: $100 & 4th place: $50.

All donations will benefit the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency

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ATTENTION 4-H TEENS!
Do you like to be a leader and help others?
Would you like to learn how to run a business?
Do you want to turn your 4-H skills into a career?

Then... Check out Teen Service Club!
We need your help to plan the
2011 Lemonade Booth at the BCYF!

Informational Meeting

Who: All 4-H Members 12-19
When: Wednesday, July 13, 2011
Where: BCYF
Time: 7pm

For more information,
call Elaine McKee @ 269-944-4126
If you like adventure...

Date: Wednesday August 17, 2011
Time: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Place: Berrien County Youth Fair - USA Ag Expo Building #34
Who: Youth ages 5+ and adults
Cost: FREE!

You will love 4-H Science Blast!
Call 269-944-4126 for more information or to see how you can participate in this event!

An opportunity to connect in-school learning with real world experiences. Learn about the world around you, play the role of a scientist and more!

Where YOU get to be the scientist!

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**4-H Horse Leaders Fun Show**

**4-H Versatility and Scholarship Reception 7p.m. @ MSUE**

**Middle Manager Mtg 7p.m. @ MSUE**

**4-H Leaders Council Mtg. 7p.m. @ MSUE**

**4-H Foundation Mtg. 4:30p.m. @ MSUE**

**Come visit us in the USA Ag Expo Building!**

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SUMMER 2011 4-H SPOTLIGHT

Read this issue for important news and details of 4-H at the BCYF!

I pledge…
My HEAD to clearer thinking
My HEART to greater loyalty
My HANDS to larger service
My HEALTH to better living.

For my club, my community, my country and my world.