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.

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Your 4-H Youth Development Staff

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Leaders Council Election

Congratulations to our newly elected representatives for Leaders Council—Debbie Bachman of Countrysiders 4-H Club, Debbie Schmaltz of Boots N Saddles 4-H Club, and Sue Tolsma of Baroda Bunnies 4-H Club. Teen Representative—Alexis Tober of Countrysiders, Town & Country Paws and Pals and Teen Service 4-H Clubs.

Fall Fundraiser

Thanks to all clubs and members who participated in our candy fundraiser! A total of 25 clubs raised $9,286 that was distributed between the clubs and Leaders Council. Good Work!

Mark your calendars!

Leaders Council will be hosting a 5K Walk/Run on June 15, 2013 in Conjunction with 4-H Expo days. Watch for your opportunity to name that race!

BEST FRIENDS 4-H CLUB CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

Congratulations to the past and present 4-H Leaders and members that have dedicated their service to disabled youth in Berrien County. Many thanks to all of the volunteer canines over the years as well! Best Friends is marking this milestone with a 2013 calendar that is available for purchase. Please contact Linda Shannon Chailet @ 269-934-0462 to get yours today!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

ALL MEMBERS 4-H AGE 11–19 YEARS OLD ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE!
Crafts, Crafts & More Crafts!
What: Come and learn new skills with a variety of new craft projects that are sure to get your creative juices flowing! Gain valuable life skills from each of the three projects that will be completed.
Who: All current 4-H members & leaders.
When: Sunday, February 10, 2013
Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm

Build Your Future – Put Your 4-H Experience to Work!
How do you explain your 4-H involvement on job, school and scholarship applications?
What skills have you learned through 4-H?
Through hands-on lessons, 4-H members will learn how to explain their 4-H experience in terms of life and employability skills learned through 4-H projects. Members will also identify possible job or career interests and be encouraged to weave their 4-H, school and extracurricular experiences together for the creation of a resume’ and employability portfolio to then be evaluated and displayed at the annual 4-H Achievement Program. Portions of the new 4-H curriculum – Build Your Future: Choices…Connections…Careers (written by Michigan 4-H staff) – will be used. Get a sneak preview before National 4-H Council launches the curriculum later in 2013!

Grade Level: 4-H members must be in at least 9th grade to participate.
When: Sunday, February 17, February 24 and March 3, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Where: MSUE Office on Hillandale Road

Attendance at all 3 sessions is required to receive project completion and be eligible to exhibit project at 4-H Achievement.

Parents and/or guardians are strongly encouraged to attend and participate alongside their 4-H member(s). Everyone will learn from, and enjoy this project.

Register for all projects with the MSU Extension Office at 269-944-4126.
You will need to provide name, grade, address, phone number, and e-mail when you register.
UPCOMING KETTUNEN CENTER WORKSHOPS

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4-H POLISH HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

Teens, ages 14 to 19 as of January 1, 2013, from around Michigan are invited to host students traveling here from Poland from mid June to mid July 2013. This hosting opportunity is coordinated by Michigan State University Extension, 4-H Youth Development Global and Cultural Programs. Global and Cultural programs help young people explore, appreciate and value what people next door, across town and around the world have in common and what makes them unique.

Youth who host students this summer will have the chance to make life long international friends and have the opportunity to travel to Poland in 2014.

For a host family application or more information contact your county 4-H MSU Extension Office. If you would like more information about all the opportunities 4-H offers for youth and adults to learn more about our global community visit the following website at [http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/international_exchange_programs)

EXPERIENCE MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

4-H CAPITOL EXPERIENCE!

March 17–20, 2013, in Lansing, Michigan

Learn first-hand how our state government works.

★ Meet the people who play a role in government and policy making.
★ Take an in-depth look at current public policy issues and how state government deals with those issues.
★ Spend a morning with a lobbyist, lawyer or news reporter, or work in a legislator’s office.

Join up to 100 other 4-H members and leaders from across Michigan at 4-H Capitol Experience! Besides learning many new things, you’ll have lots of fun and make new friends. Contact your county Michigan State University Extension office for more information. Applications are due in your county office by February 6, 2013.
Introducing.. 4-H FUN DAYS!

February 24th
Ice Skating @ the Howard Ice Rink in St. Joseph, 2-6pm
$3 skate rental. All 4-H Families are welcome!

March 23rd
Trivia Night@ the MSUE Office 4-7pm
Get a team of 8 people and test your knowledge!
Ages 9-19
Refreshments will be provided!
Register your team by calling the MSUE office by March 18, 2013

Make new friends, get ideas for your club, or learn something new!

Hosted by 4-H Leaders Council
Berrien County Tack Swap Meet

February 23, 2013
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Berrien Springs Middle School Gymnasium
One Sylvester Avenue, Berrien Springs (Behind the High School)

Sponsored by the Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association

**ADMISSION—$1**
5 & under Free

**DEALERS ARE WELCOME!**

**LUNCH NEAR BY!**

DOOR PRIZES!
(Must be present to win)

Table Rental: $15.00 each at the door, *does not include* Admissions
Early registration, before January 25, 2013 – 2 tables for $25.00!
Set-up at 11:30 a.m. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. All clean-up must be done by 5pm!

**NO EARLY SALES!**
To reserve a table(s) please return the bottom of this form with payment to Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Association by January 25, 2013. **Please be sure to mail your registration by the deadline!** There may or may not be an extra tables the day of the sale.

For more information, contact:

Kendra Truhn
269-545-3575
KTruhn@meridiantitle.com

Pam McCalebb
269-362-3252
we luv paints@yahoo.com

**BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H HORSE LEADERS ASSOCIATION IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST ITEMS**

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Berrien County 4-H Horse Leaders Swap Meet

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

Daytime Phone: ____________________ Evening Phone: ____________________

E-mail Address: _____________________________

Number of 8'X6' spaces needed: _____ @ $15.00 each = $_______ Will you need a table? Y/N

Early registration by January 25th – 2 tables for $25.00 = $__________________

Payment Must Accompany Form – NO REFUNDS

Mail to: Swap Meet, c/o Pam McCalebb, 114 S Detroit St., Buchanan, MI 49107
Celebrating MSU Extension’s 4-H Youth

Michigan 4-H Day

at the

Breslin Center

Sunday, March 3

Lady Spartan’s vs. Wisconsin Badgers

When: Sunday, March 3. Gate D will open for 4-H and MSU Extension guests at noon. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m.

Why: To celebrate Michigan 4-H youth, 4-H volunteers and 4-H programs. This year’s theme is once again, the popular "Revolution of Responsibility.”

Who: 4-H youth and their families, 4-H volunteers and MSU Extension staff, members and their families.

Cost: FREE tickets available for all of the above. Tickets are available through your county MSU Extension office.

Transportation & parking: Transportation may be coordinated through your county Extension office. Contact for details. Parking is free for school buses, all other buses are $20. Cars $5.

Attire: Show your MSU Extension/4-H pride by wearing your green and white 4-H or MSU Extension apparel.

Extras:
- Hear fellow 4-H’ers lead the 4-H pledge.
- To be televised nationwide.
- Get your picture taken with Sparty.

Get in the game!
Let your 4-H leader know you (and how many of your family members) want to attend, or contact your county Extension office.

For more information:

http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/events/event/4_h_day_at_the_breslin_center
Contact your county MSU Extension office or
Email Gail Hebert at hebertg@anr.msu.edu

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Build Your Future: 4-H Entrepreneurship & Career Connections

April 13-14, 2013
Kettunen Center, Tustin, MI

Who: Teens aged 12 (by 1/1/2013) and up and adult 4-H volunteers and educators who are willing to put their newly learned skills and knowledge into action in their communities.

Reservations: Participants must register with their county MSU Extension office by April 5, 2013.

Cost: $58 for 4-H members; $101.25 for non-members to cover lodging, four meals, and resources.

Join us as we:
- Meet and share ideas with 4-H volunteers from around the state.
- Make friends and have fun learning in a beautiful, natural setting in Northern Michigan.
- Develop skills, knowledge and commitment in entrepreneurship, career exploration and financial literacy.

The skills learned at this workshop can be layered onto any existing project to “make the best better!” Prior skills in entrepreneurship are not necessary. This is also a great opportunity to network with others around the state—you won’t want to miss it!

Registration: Saturday, April 13, 2013
9:30—10:30 a.m.
Conference concludes Sunday, April 14 after lunch

Breakout Sessions:
- Skills -> Choices -> Careers (Skill Identification)
- Entrepreneur Chats
- Résumé Writing
- My 4-H Project, a Business? Where Do I Start?
- Is College REALLY Worth The Money?
- Starting a Food Business in Your Home Kitchen
- Money for Higher Education
- Putting the Pieces Together (Goal Setting)
- Money, Money, Money—Make It and KEEP It
- Interviews for Success
- Explore the Hidden Job Market
- Exploring Careers That Interest You
- Turn Your Passions Into Profits
- Build Your Future Through Portfolios
- Thank You, Thank You, Thank You
- Pathways to Success (Career Skills)

For more information, visit http://4h.msue.msu.edu/4h/entrepreneurship

Make plans now to attend!

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Character development:  
Learning respect through  
4-H livestock projects

MICHIGAN 4-H TEACHES YOUTH CHARACTER ATTRIBUTES TO HELP THEM LEARN TO  
SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS WHILE SHOWING THEIR LIVESTOCK PROJECTS.

Posted on January 22, 2013 by Beverly Przystas, Michigan State University Extension

Young people want to be treated with respect, with dignity and to have a voice as they make use of their decision-making skills. Being respectful is a feeling towards others; it involves showing regard for someone or something. By watching others’ actions and how they demonstrate their opinions of a person or object, we can learn how to be respectful. This is the fourth in the series of Michigan State University Extension news articles that explore the character development gained by participating in Michigan 4-H livestock projects.

In addition to participating in other projects, Michigan 4-H allows and encourages young people who are showing livestock to show respect to exhibitors, judges, buyers and their animals. According to the 4-H series “Showing Character,” livestock exhibitors communicate respect in what they do and say. Being respectful is like the Golden rule – treat others as you’d like to be treated, whether it the “others” are fellow exhibitors or judges at livestock shows.

Being polite and appreciative is another way to show respect to both adults and other exhibitors. Another way to look at respect in the context of livestock exhibiting is in how you treat others’ property in the show ring, in the barn and with individual show equipment. How one handles their animals tells a great deal about a person. Does the person keep the pens clean? Are her animals fed properly? Does he provide them with fresh water?

Parents also can show respect towards their children by letting them do the work, teaching them how to take care of their animals and not do the work themselves. Parents should focus on the experience the child is having. They should also treat others with respect and follow the Golden Rule. Some ways to teach respect in the livestock area could be to make a list of respectful behaviors and disrespectful behaviors. Mix them up and have each participant read their individual strip, then discuss if it is respectful or disrespectful.

In a small group, have each group member list ways that they show respect. This would be a good reminder to all of those who participate in this activity. Experienced showmen can share what they have learned with the young exhibitors on how they show respect to stakeholders in the community.

As long as you are in a 4-H club and show animals, showing respect is showing courtesy and proper treatment of people and things.

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