

# 2008



## 4-H Spring Achievement April 11-13

The Orchards Mall  
Benton Harbor, MI



### HEAD-HEART-HANDS-HEALTH IN ACTION!

Spring Achievement in Berrien County is the only ALL 4-H exhibition where 4-H'ers showcase their project achievements over the last year. The Objectives of the event include:

- ❑ Provide 4-H members an opportunity to display their accomplishments to the community
- ❑ 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



#### Berrien County 4-H Youth Program

Our **Vision** is to make a positive difference in the lives of Berrien County youth.

The 4-H Youth Program in Berrien County is made possible through the time and talent of dedicated adult and teen volunteer Leaders, 4-H Members, and their Families working together. Remember to say **thank you** as you see folks at Spring Achievement while enjoying our exhibition.

### Key Dates & Times for 2008

#### Thursday, April 10

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
9:00 p.m.

Early Evaluation  
Set-up at The Orchards Mall

#### Friday, April 11

4:30 - 9:00 p.m.

4-H Information Booth open in the 4-H Hospitality Center

5:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Evaluator Orientation at 4-H Hospitality Center

5:40 - 6:00 p.m.

Evaluator Orientation at Project Location

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Project Evaluations

9:00 p.m. - ??

All Club Displays in 4-H Hospitality Center  
Set-up Continues and recipients are chosen for Originality, Outstanding Presentation, Workmanship, and Everhart Awards

#### Saturday, April 12

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

4-H Hospitality Center Open

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Watchers stationed at exhibits

Various Activities & Demonstrations

4-H Live Rabbit Exhibit

10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

4-H Teen Service Club and American Red Cross Blood Drive

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Dog Project Evaluation and Demo

*Is your dog Canine Good Citizen Certified?*

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

4-H Service Project - Help us Make a Difference!

4:00 p.m.

PQA Plus Workshop, Register @ 3:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

4-H Rabbit Quiz Bowl, Register @ 5:45 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 13

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Mall & Hospitality Center open

Watchers stationed at exhibits

Live Rabbit Exhibit

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

**Dog Rally O Demonstration and Practice**

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

4-H Style Review provided by Clothing & Textile

Project Members, Presentation of Senior

Plaques and 4-H Club Awards

6:00 p.m.(sharp)

Projects & displays released

6:15 p.m.

Tear-down

**NEW!**

## 4-H Project Identification

4-H project identification is essential at a large exhibition like 4-H Spring Achievement for two reasons. First, a means of identification needs to stay with your project so admiring friends and public can see who did the excellent work. Second, project identification is essential to make sure projects are released to their rightful owners. We will be using a 2-part ticket system where one part will stay with the project while the second part will serve as a claim ticket. We will also make use of computer printouts of 4-H members by project area at the time of evaluation. Leaders must keep the MSUE Office updated on projects being done and members participating.

## General Notes and Rules

1. Any person exhibiting must be currently enrolled in 4-H. Persons not enrolled upon arrival to Spring Achievement, will be required to complete enrollment, pay participant fee and receive written permission from MSUE staff before being evaluated.
2. There are three age divisions.
3. **Cloverbud: ages 5-8 Junior: ages 9-14 Senior: ages 15-19**
4. The Spring Achievement Board reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of all 4-H projects for public display.
5. A Project Evaluation Sheet is required for many project areas. Check with your leader to have sheets filled out ahead of time, if possible.
6. Projects for display can be any that were completed under the Leadership of 4-H since the 2007 Spring Achievement.
7. Projects not done with a registered 4-H Leader are not allowed.
8. All leathercraft projects must have a note card stating name, age, option, and a list of the tools used.
9. 4-H members, who cannot be present for Friday's evaluation, may participate in Early Evaluation on Thursday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m., provided arrangements are made with the MSUE Office and an Early Evaluation Form is completed (see back of brochure for the form).
10. 4-H members who participate in Early Evaluation will be eligible for all awards and special recognition.
11. ALL 4-H members completing notebooks (animal, clowning, chemistry, etc.) must participate in an in-person evaluation.
12. Parents may observe evaluations in most areas, but must remain quiet to allow the 4-H member to have an effective interaction with the evaluator. However, the Evaluator has the right to ask parents to step away from the area to enhance the evaluation process.
13. If projects are created which are not covered by current Project Guidelines, leaders are responsible to provide project criteria to the MSUE Staff, prior to Spring Achievement.
14. The 4-H program is NOT responsible for any projects, member displays, or club displays, which are not claimed at the close of Spring Achievement Sunday afternoon.

## What Is An Evaluation?

An evaluation is a two-way supportive discussion of a project between the 4-H member who made the project, and an adult leader (Evaluator). The evaluation is intended to provide the member an opportunity to explain how the project was made and to ask questions of the Evaluator. The Evaluator should examine the project in accordance with the standards for that project area. Questions should be asked to determine the 4-H member's experience level and techniques used to complete the project. Feedback from the Evaluators should be structured to allow 4-H members to identify areas that need improvement or to offer coaching suggestions for the next time.

The Project Evaluation is significantly different from judging which might be experienced at a county fair. In judging, the member is not normally present when quality is being determined. There is no discussion – no feedback - no coaching - no opportunity to consider what was done in the context of age and experience. Evaluators are reminded about this distinction and strive to make the Evaluation at 4-H Spring Achievement a positive growth experience for the 4-H member.

## Awards & Special Recognition

1. All 4-H members will receive a Completion Ribbon for each project or group of projects (if many are entered in one category).
2. Consideration for Awards and Special Recognition will be done independently for the Cloverbud, Junior, and Senior Divisions.
3. Outstanding Workmanship ribbons will be awarded to projects which display a high degree of skill or special attention to details.
4. Originality ribbons will be awarded to projects that set themselves apart from the other projects in their category due to their combination of uniqueness and creativity or original design.
5. Outstanding Presentation ribbons will be awarded to members who demonstrate knowledge of their project mixed with excellent presentation skills while expressing themselves to the evaluator.
6. Awards are presented to participants of the Style Review who excel in the display of their well-made garment. To be eligible for a style review award, 4-H members must model their own garment. (Garments made for friends and family may be modeled, but will not receive a style review award.)
7. All participants in the Style Review will receive a Participation ribbon.
8. Everhart awards are presented for **wearable** Clothing & Textiles projects in the Senior Division that demonstrate exceptional skills or special attention to details. (Winners of Everhart awards will be announced at the completion of the Style Review on Sunday).

9. 4-H members must be present with their projects for evaluation to be eligible for Awards and Special Recognition.
10. Senior Plaques and Club Awards are awarded during the Style Review.
11. A project may be awarded BOTH the Outstanding Workmanship and Originality ribbons, along with the Outstanding Presentation ribbon to the member if all criteria are met.

### The 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

Michigan 4-H: 100 Years & Growing!



### Clothing & Textiles

1. Project leaders should notify Club Coordinators of the number of 4-H members who will be evaluated for Clothing & Textiles.
2. Club Coordinators should distribute Narration Forms to members in their 4-H Club so that forms may be filled out in advance.
3. Evaluations for Clothing & Textiles projects will be conducted in the Community Room near Sears.
4. Garments should be brought in to the Evaluators on a hanger, with the Project Identification Tag attached to the garment.
5. All 4-H members must turn in a Narration Form for Style Review at the time of the Evaluation. These forms must be legible - please print or type.

### Style Review

1. All 4-H members who submit a wearable Clothing & Textile project are expected to participate in the Style Review on Sunday, April 13.
2. Garments to be modeled must reflect the values upheld by 4-H and MSU Extension (check with your Project Leader for guidelines printed in the Clothing & Textiles supplement).
3. 4-H members should report to the Clothing & Textiles area beginning at 3:00 p.m., present their 4-H Project Identification Claim Ticket, get their garment, get dressed, and be lined up for preview not later than 3:45 p.m. (**Modeling practice is available on the stage from 2-3 p.m.**)
4. Dressing Area location will be confirmed during your evaluation.
5. Sequence of Style Review participants: 1) Knitting and Crocheting, 2) Personalization and 3) Sewing.
6. 4-H members may model in each category; however, they will only be previewed in one garment.
7. Separate Narration Forms must be submitted for 4-H members who model in more than one category.
8. Participant Numbers for the Style Review will be provided.
9. Cloverbud division participants will go on stage in groups. Junior and Senior division participants will go on stage individually.
10. Junior and Senior division members will be eligible to be judged for a Style Review Award.
11. Participants may keep their garments after the Style Review.
12. All participants will receive a Style Review Participation ribbon.
13. Parents and 4-H Leaders may briefly help participants in the Style Review preparation area to make sure members are properly dressed. However, parents (and other non-participants) **MUST** leave the preparation area by 3:30 p.m. to reduce congestion and allow participants to focus on final instructions.
14. Once dressed and checked in for Style Review members may not leave Dressing Area.



## 10 Ways that you can volunteer at 4-H Spring Achievement:

1. Participate as a donor for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 4-H Teen Service Club Blood Drive with the American Red Cross, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
2. Recruit individuals that you know to give blood during our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blood Drive with the American Red Cross.
3. Bring your family and friends to the mall to see 4-H Spring Achievement, view our exhibits, and visit with the 4-H critters.
4. Donate your time to make a pillow case as part of our community service project on Saturday from Noon – 4:00 p.m. Cases will be donated to the local Blue Star Mothers organization.
5. Volunteer with your club to provide a project demonstration for the public.
6. Volunteer your time to be a project watcher and help keep an eye on 4-H'ers projects.
7. Volunteer your time to help with mall set-up on either April 10 or 11 at 9:00 p.m.
8. Support your fellow 4-H'ers by attending the Style Review & Awards program at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.
9. Volunteer your time for project release at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.
10. Volunteer your time to help with mall teardown at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday.

### Spring Achievement Board

Chairperson: Barb Clapsaddle  
MSUE Coordination: Jim Weaver & Deb Barrett

John Janke	Donna Janke	Mike Jones
Janece Rockey	George Rockey	John Griffith
Suzette Hendershott	Sheila LeBeau	Janet Scott
Tracie Faulkner	Linda Shannon-Chaillet	

### Clothing & Textiles Committee

Barb Clapsaddle	Doreen Cox	Wendy Monroe
Paula Faulkner	Tracie Faulkner	Wendy Larson

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## Important Changes & Highlights for 2008

**Where are Your Parents' and Grandparents' 4-H Projects?** As part of linking to the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Michigan 4-H, we are seeking 4-H projects from days gone by to exhibit in the Hospitality Center and for stage decoration during the Style Review. If you know of family, alumni, or friends that still have some of their still 4-H projects, please encourage them to let us use them for this year's event. Contact Deb Barrett or Jim Weaver with items for loan at 269-944-4126.

**Rally O Joins The Dog Project Activities** - In addition to the Dog Evaluation & Demonstration scheduled for Saturday, April 12, Noon - 3:00 p.m., 4-H members will have a new opportunity to participate in the AKC's Rally O Demonstration & Practice on Sunday, April 13, Noon – 2:00 p.m. 4-H'ers and his/her canine, along with 4-H leaders, volunteers and the public are invited to join Ms. Mary Gehlh and Miss Linda Sullivan in learning and participating in the techniques on a Rally O course. For complete details, requirements, and questions, contact Linda Shannon-Chaillet at 269-934-0462 or the MSUE Office at 269-944-4126.

**4-H Animal Science Notebooks** – Remember to use the updated, 2007 Animal Science Notebook Guidelines available on our web site.

**4-H Blood Drive Returns** - 4-H Teen Service Club will host their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual blood drive with the American Red Cross on Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Participate as a donor, or help recruit donors for our community service project. Teen Service Club is working diligently to make this event successful.

**Community Service Project** - The Clothing and Textiles Committee will coordinate the making of pillow cases to be donated to the local Blue Star Mothers organization. They send items to the soldiers who are serving in Iraq and other foreign countries.

**The Hospitality Center Has Moved** - We will be located in the former FYE store which is across from the food court. The 4-H Information Booth will be available in the Hospitality Center to answer questions and concerns. We will also showcase club and project displays within the Hospitality Center.

**4-H Club Display Boards** – please promote your activities and accomplishments by providing a 4-H Club display for the Hospitality Center. ALL 4-H Clubs should minimally participate in Spring Achievement with a display board. This is a great, free, promotional opportunity for our program. If you need a new board or ideas, contact Deb Barrett or Jim Weaver at 269-944-4126.

# 2008 4-H Spring Achievement Early Evaluation Request Form

FORMS DUE APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>!

Return completed form to:

Berrien County MSU Extension Office  
1737 Hillandale Road  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022-9630

Phone: (269) 944-4126

Fax: (269) 982-8666

E-mail: [msue.berrien@county.msu.edu](mailto:msue.berrien@county.msu.edu)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Area	Quantity
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Reason for requesting an Early Evaluation: \_\_\_\_\_

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4-H Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader/Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_