

VAN BUREN COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT: 4-H Educational and Learning Programs

DEADLINE: April 1 or December 1 of current year

FUNDING: Up to \$600

AVAILABLE: Approximately \$2,000 Total Annually

In 2007, Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program began collecting \$10 annually per 4-H participant for programming fees. One-half of those fees go directly to the State 4-H program, while one-half remains for programming at the County level.

Van Buren County 4-H Clubs / Groups can request up to \$600 to finance new or expand existing 4-H education and learning projects and activities. A selection committee will select the winning proposals based on the following:

- Projects involving the largest number of participants will be given higher rank than those serving only a small number of participants. Programming is not limited to one club solely, and applicants can consider programming that reaches outside individual clubs to the state and even national program.
- Majority of program funds should be used within a one-year time period for the initial programming.
- Programs that provide a start-up or base need will be given higher ranking. For example, developing a program now that will last for many years in the future is more beneficial than a one-time program.
- Programming must reflect the 4-H programming philosophy: Michigan 4-H Youth Development will involve volunteers in providing positive, experiential, educational opportunities for and with youth ages 5 to 19. Programming will be delivered through 4-H clubs and in- and out- of school, community- based networks.
- Programs involving cloverbuds must reflect the 4-H philosophy of non-competition for cloverbud members. Programming can include cloverbud and older members, but must separate cloverbud activity into non-competitive.
- Those receiving funding must receive an average of 70% of points possible. See attached score sheets. Must submit all necessary paperwork.
- Those receiving funding must do a demonstration, hold a meeting and/or display at a Van Buren County 4-H event.

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

Key Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader in Charge of Requested Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Funding Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Programming Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members Expected to Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of Members Expected to Serve: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Leaders Expected for this Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Will any be first-time leaders? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the Program limited to your Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the categories below that best describe your project:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Animal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Animal          | <input type="checkbox"/> Group Project        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Animal      | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horses/Mules/Ponies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewing/Stitchery      | <input type="checkbox"/> Cloverbud            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foods                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Science/Technology   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fine Arts             | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Education   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts                | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial/Lifeskills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other- please specify |   |

In as much room as you feel is necessary, please describe the programming that you would like to see developed. Attachments are acceptable. Be sure to include explanations in the following areas:

- How many leaders and youth you anticipate participating and how you came to those numbers
- Why you feel this program will educationally benefit participants
- Why you feel this program will have lasting impact upon the members
- If the program can be continued in the future without funds
- What makes the program unique
- Any other specifics you feel are important for the committee to understand your request
- Budget (how will the money be spent)

Applications must be received by April 1 or December 1 and submitted in a sealed envelope marked "4-H Programming RFP" to Van Buren County MSU Extension, 219 Paw Paw Street, Suite 201, Paw Paw MI 49079.