



Local food-and-health visitors for the classroom

Bakker's Acres

Owner: Alan and Lynn Bakker

Address: 2677 N. Setterbo Rd., Suttons Bay, MI 49682

Website:

Phone: 231-271-3673, 231-620-4260

Email: bakkersacres@yahoo.com

Counties: Leelanau

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades:

Frequency: 5

Experience? Yes

Description: Varieties of apples, making cider, taste testing apples, test for ripeness, hand-on.

Comments: Available for K-12. Prefer 2-7.

Contact: Lynn Bakker, 231-271-3673, ajb2677@yahoo.com

Bella Terra Farms

Owner: Mike and Monika Fiebing

Address: 2759 Reynolds Rd., Interlochen, MI 49643

Website: www.bellaterrafarms.net

Phone: 231-218-4131

Email: bellaterrafarms@gmail.com

Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau

Fee? Yes SOMETIMES I would like to at least be compensated for fuel, which can be discussed.

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 2 - 3 times

Experience? Yes

Description: I speak about composting and vermicomposting and bring visual aids such as the worm bin or materials that I compost. I also include pictures and samples.

Comments:

Contact: Monika, 231-218-4131, bellaterrafarms@gmail.com

Belleau's Stony Acres

Owner: Michael and Anna Belleau
Address: 3840 Resort Pike, Petoskey, MI 49770
Website: belleausstonyacresfarm.com
Phone: 231-622-8412
Email: bstonyacres@yahoo.com
Counties: Crawford, Emmet, Otsego
Fee? No
Months: All Year
Grades: Elementary
Frequency: Negotiable
Experience? Yes
Description: We can do pumpkin life cycle, if it is the season we could paint pumpkins. I could do bulb planting and life cycles, and give the children a bulb to plant if the season is right. I could show them how to make wreaths
Comments:
Contact: Anna Belleau, 231-622-8412, bstonyacres@yahoo.com

Bricolage Farm

Owner: Stuart Kunkle, Genevieve Pfisterer
Address: 8040 M 113 E, Fife Lake, MI 49633
Website:
Phone: 231-879-3814
Email: bricolagefarm@gmail.com
Counties: Grand Traverse, Kalkaska
Fee? No
Months: All Year
Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School
Frequency: Anytime.
Experience? Yes
Description: Varies. Can accommodate.
Comments:
Contact: Stuart Kunkle/Genevieve Pfisterer, 231-879-3814, bricolagefarm@gmail.com

Cedar Sol Hydro Farm

Owner: Michael and Nichole McHugh
Address: 9452 S. Cedar Rd., Cedar, MI 49621
Website: www.cedarsolhydrofarm.com
Phone: farm: 231-228-8000 farmer: 231.883.8080
Email: cedarsol@mac.com
Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse
Fee? No Likely no fee - but it could depend on the circumstance.
Months: All Year
Grades: Elementary, High School, Middle School/Junior High
Frequency: Variable
Experience? Yes

Description: Varies with the age of the children. Description of the hydroponic process and our emphasis on sustainability. Children take part in the set-up of an indoor or outdoor hydroponic system. Depending on the focus/desire of the students, instruction may include plant science as well as the development of their own vegetable garden.

Comments:

Contact: Michael and Nichole McHugh, 231-228-8000, cedarsol@mac.com

Creation Farm Inc.

Owner: Mike Hulbert and Anna Sangemino

Address: 2760 River Rd-Farm, Frankfort, MI 49635

Website: www.creationsoap.com

Phone: 231-352-9600

Email: creationsoap@boone.net

Counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

Fee? Yes \$50 for travel expenses and time out of the greenhouse.

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, High School

Frequency: 20

Experience? Yes

Description: Explanation of why simple farm-made soaps are a better option for skin health; and local economies.

Comments: Group tours and soap-making demonstrations are available on the farm by reservation.

Contact:

Douglas Valley

Owner: Cliff Boomer

Address: 5375 Douglas Valley Dr., Manistee, MI 49660

Website: www.douglasvalley.net

Phone: 231-887-3333

Email: kendra@douglasvalley.net

Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Manistee

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Elementary

Frequency: Negotiable

Experience? Yes

Description:

Comments:

Contact: Kendra Remai, 231-887-3333, kendra@douglasvalley.net

Food For Thought

Owner: Timothy and Kathleen Young

Address: 10704 Oviatt Rd, Honor, MI 49640

Website: www.foodforthought.net

Phone: 231-326-5444

Email: sales@foodforthought.net

Counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon, Wexford

Fee? No Normally there's no fee. However, if travel more than 50 miles is required or an overnight stay, I will at time request compensation.

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 6-8 times/year.

Experience? Yes

"Description: I offer a variety of presentations on a broad range of topics having to do with sustainable food, food preservation and social justice in the food industry. I can be contacted for descriptions of each. They include; Introduction to Home Canning; Green Careers (Good for career day); Fair Trade: Social Change Through Business"

Comments:

Contact: Timothy Young, 231-326-5444, info@foodforthought.net

Grey Hare Inn Vineyard B & B

Owner: Jay and Cindy Ruzak

Address: 1994 Carroll Rd., PO Box 1535, Traverse City, MI 49686

Website: www.greyhareinn.com

Phone: 231-947-2214

Email: greyhareinn@hughes.net

Counties:

Fee? No

Months: April, May

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 41276

Experience? No

Description:

Comments:

Contact: Cindy Ruzak, 231-947-2214, rabbit@greyhareinn.com

Harwood Heritage Gold Maple Syrup Products

Owner: Dave and Terri Parsons

Address: 00061 Parsons Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720

Website: www.harwoodgold.com

Phone: 231-547-2038

Email: info@harwoodgold.com

Counties: Charlevoix

Fee? No

Months: January, February

Grades: Elementary

Frequency:

Experience? Yes

Description: Photos of the maple syrup process; rope to show the diameter of tree for 1,2,3 tap; old spiles and buckets, along with modern new tubing to see the difference in methods to tap trees. Power Point presentation on the entire process

Comments:

Contact: Terri Parsons, 231-547-2038, parsons@torchlake.com

Herbal Lodge - Natural Healing Products by Native American Wisdom

Owner: Nathan Wright

Address: PO Box 62, Petoskey, MI 49770

Website: www.herballodge.com

Phone: (906) 322-2675

Email: nathan@herballodge.com

Counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon, Wexford

Fee? Yes

Months: April, May, June, July, August, September, October

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 2

Experience? Yes

Description: We would show different plants, some dried herbs, hand outs, native american items.

Comments:

Contact: Nathan Wright, (906) 322-2675, nathan@herballodge.com

Hooper's Farm Gardens

Owner: Terry and Bruce Hooper

Address: 2399 Kroupa Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686

Website: www.hoopersfarmgardens.com

Phone: 231-6492826

Email: hoopgard@gmail.com

Counties: Grand Traverse

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency:

Experience? No

Description: I have done many programs on food preparation and self employment. we have done tours for The Pavilions old folks, The paper kids with Good will Industries, Wine visitors and The Horticulture center. Have only spoken to adults but have trained and given jobs to about 30 youth in the community about planting, care and plants. Have taken Master gardener program.

Comments:

Contact: Terry Hooper, 231-649-2826, hoopgard@gmail.com

Hubbell Farm

Owner: Dan and Barb Hubbell, Kate Hubbell-Broden, Meaghan, Theresa and Michael Hubbell.

Address: 6331 S. Galla Rd, Cedar, MI 49621

Website: www.hubbellfarm.com, www.nicecreekshires.com

Phone: 231-228-6390

Email: info@hubbellfarm.com

Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Elementary, High School, Middle School/Junior High

Frequency: Anytime, depending on my schedule.

Experience? Yes

Description: Will explain our partial draft horse-powered farm that also includes horses, calves, chickens, turkeys, milk cows, pigs.

Comments:

Contact: Dan Hubbell, 231-947-5600, dahubbell@chartermi.net

Jordan Valley Bison

Owner: Linda and Brian Newman

Address: 132 East Old State Rd., East Jordan, MI 49727

Website:

Phone: 231-544-6684

Email: JordanVBison@aol.com

Counties: Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 4 times at least

Experience? Yes

Description:

Comments:

Contact: Brian Newman, 231-544-6684, jordanvbison@aol.com

Katy's Chix

Owner: Katy Bean-Larson

Address: 6537 Marsh Rd., Kingsley, MI 49649

Website: katyschix.com

Phone: 231-342-0461

Email: katy@tc-homes.com

Counties: Grand Traverse

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: 2 or 3

Experience? Yes

Description: I have no presentation. What I would say or show would depend on the group I was speaking to, and what they desired. I am good at thinking up things and improvising!

Comments:

Contact: Katy Bean-Larson, 231-342-0461, katy@tc-homes.com

King Orchards

Owner: John and Jim King

Address: 4620 N. M-88, Central Lake, MI 49622, 49648

Website: www.kingorchards.com

Phone: 877-937-5464

Email: jfking@kingorchards.com

Counties:

Fee?

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary

Frequency: Call to confirm availability

Experience? Yes

Description: Power point of farm, scientific part would cut up and look at fruit of season, ripeness of apple, parts of blossom. Totally depends on grade level and season.

Comments:

Contact: Rose King, 231-264-0715,

Lavender Hill Farms

Owner: Linda and Roy Longworth

Address: 07354 Horton Bay Road N, Boyne City, MI 49712

Website: www.lavenderhillmichigan.com

Phone: 231-582-3784

Email: lavenderhoney@sbcglobal.net

Counties: Charlevoix, Emmet

Fee? No

Months: May, September, October

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency:

Experience? Yes

Description: I can present: "The challenge of keeping bees alive." "Growing a New Crop in Northern Michigan" "Distilling Essential oils" "Lavender for Your Health"

Comments:

Contact: Linda Longworth, 231-347-1874, lavenderhoney@sbcglobal.net

Myers Beefalo Farm

Owner: Dennis Myers

Address: 17260 Thompsonville road, PO Box 145, Copemish, Michigan 49625

Website:

Phone: 231 633-6094

Email: dennis_myers0625@yahoo.com

Counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, Wexford

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: Unlimited

Experience? Yes

Description:

Comments:

Contact: Dennis Myers, 231-633-6094, dennis_myers0625@yahoo.com

Nev 'R Done Farm

Owner: Michael Oosterhart

Address: 787 Hartzell Ln., Kalkaska, MI 49646

Website:

Phone: 231-258-4344

Email: michaeloosterhart@yahoo.com

Counties: Antrim, Kalkaska

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency: anytime

Experience? No

Description: we would describe our hoophouse model of wintering our flock as opposed to conventional models also talk about clean meat and eggs. we would talk about the benefits of pasturing versus confinement models of raising chickens and take questions to

Comments:

Contact: michael oosterhart, 231-258-4344, michaeloosterhart@yahoo.com

North Star Organics

Owner: Alan and Cheryl Kobernik

Address: 1139 Forrester Rd., Frankfort, MI 49635

Website: www.northstarorganics.com

Phone: 231-352-4865

Email: northstarorganics@live.com

Counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Manistee

Fee? No

Months: All Year

Grades: Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School

Frequency: As requested and would fit in with our schedule.

Experience? Yes

Description: Power Point - video of harvest set to Dixie Chicks song; samples; Brix counter for testing sugar content.

Comments: Will not "look" like a farmer - no overalls or hay seed. Will connect kids with cherries, why not to feed your cherry trees chemicals, the soil is more than something you walk on, earth worms are our engineers, funky dandelions, etc.

Contact: Alan or Cheryl Kobernik, 231-352-4865, northstarorganics@live.com

Pond Hill Farm

Owner: Jimmy and Marci Spencer, and Sharon Spencer

Address: 5699 S. Lake Shore Drive, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Website: www.pondhill.com

Phone: 231-526-3276

Email: farm@pondhill.com

Counties: Emmet

Fee?

Months: All Year

Grades: Elementary

Frequency:

Experience? Yes

Description:

Comments:

Contact: Jimmy, Marci, or Sharon Spencer, 231-526-3276, farm@pondhill.com

Providence Farm

Owner: Ryan and Andrea Romeyn

Address: 5691 N. M-88, Central Lake, MI 49622

Website: www.csafarms.org/providencefarm.asp

Phone: 231-599-2020

Email: providencecsa@yahoo.com

Counties:

Fee?

Months: June, July, August, September, October

Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School

Frequency:

Experience? Yes

Description: CSA vegetable and strawberry operation. Powerpoint presentation. Any demos are possible.

Comments: This would be interesting and we have already given presentations. We are also a new farm business and raising 4 children so not sure when we can fit this in.

Contact: Andrea Romeyn, 231-599-2020, providencecsa@yahoo.com

Rice Centennial Farm

Owner: Randy and Lesa Rice

Address: 6511 Mick Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616

Website: www.RiceFarm.org
Phone: 231-882-5937
Email: RandyR@Ricefarm.org
Counties: Benzie
Fee? No
Months: All Year
Grades: Elementary, Middle School/Junior High, High School
Frequency: Depends on schedule.
Experience? No
Description: Rice Farm is a 5th generation farm here in Benzie County. We raise grass-fed ground beef, roasts, steaks, etc. We use no spray dopes of any kind in our crops and with our beef.
Comments:
Contact:

S&S Lamb, LLC
Owner: Pierre and Sharon Schierbeek
Address: 4020 W. Blue Road, McBain, MI 49657
Website:
Phone: 231-826-4400
Email: sandslamb@yahoo.com
Counties: Grand Traverse, Missaukee, Wexford
Fee? No
Months: All Year
Grades: Elementary
Frequency:
Experience? No
Description:
Comments: We would be happy to share our stories of lambing, raising sheep etc., if and when needed.
Contact: Sharon Schierbeek, 231-826-4400, sandslamb@yahoo.com

Sand Bar Farm
Owner: Terry & Kimberly Vandercook
Address: 7923 North 35 Road, Manton, MI 49663
Website: www.sandbarfarm.com
Phone: 231.824.6590
Email: terry@sandbarfarm.com
Counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Otsego, Roscommon, Wexford
Fee? No
Months: All Year
Grades: Middle School/Junior High, Elementary, High School
Frequency: As desired.
Experience? Yes

Description: The goal of my presentation is to increase the student's general knowledge of goats and the meat goat industry; history, breed differences, U.S. uses as compared to other countries. I can also discuss all facets of goat husbandry. I can tailor my presentation to specific educational levels and goals. I use photographs and handouts. Depending on the circumstances, live goats could also be used as part of the presentation.

Comments: I have a strong public speaking background. I am comfortable presenting to small and large groups of students or adults.

Contact: Terry Vandercook, 231.824.6590, terry@sandbarfarm.com