

Michigan Barn Preservation Network

Teamwork & Timbers

MBPN's youth barn raising is a one-of-a-kind learning opportunity that provides information, exposure, and experience through a traditional community barn raising common in Michigan communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Similar to husking bees, quilting bees, and other shared-work activities, neighbors depended upon each other to accomplish what they could not do alone.



Credits

The National Barn Alliance sought funding for timber frame barn replicas for educating youth. In Michigan, a grant from the Arnesby-Russ Mawby Fund, Battle Creek Community Foundation, funded the design and construction of this replica mid-west timber frame. This model was eventually placed with the Michigan Barn Preservation Network for educational programs and demonstrations. In 2015 MBPN purchased the model to continue programming aimed at youth.



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A one-of-a-kind learning experience for youth, ages 9 – 14 and the young at heart too!

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Traditional timber frame barns and the teamwork that raised them.

Using a quarter-sized replica of an American mid-west timber-frame barn, participants will learn about the parts, the vocabulary, and the raising of this American building structure that framed barns, homes, and businesses of this time period. This educational experience provides Michigan youth and adults information and experiences about our agricultural heritage, the pride of craftsmanship, and a glimpse of what can happen when people come together to accomplish something that they cannot do alone.



Get Involved!

TIME Minimum of 3 hrs hours

SPACE

- Large, open space: minimum 16' x 24' with 9' ceiling
- The completed frame is 8' x 12' x 9'.

- Proximity for easy loading and unloading for materials

PARTICIPANTS

- Students: minimum 6, maximum 20
- Suggested: 10 years (grade 4 and up)
- Permissions for student involvement

- One adult for each 6 students

- Hold harmless

VENUE NEEDS & OBLIGATIONS

- Easy loading and unloading access

CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

Preparing for the program

- Fact sheets: About MBPN, Michigan agricultural heritage

Activity Information

- Outline of activity lesson & experience
- Suggestions for integrating content into Michigan Curriculum Guidelines
- Grade level and classroom suggestions
- List of relationship to classroom work

PUBLICITY

- contacts & information
- copies shared with MBPN
- Allow use of photos. Photo releases as required by your organization

SUGGESTED DONATION \$250

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