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Allen County Indiana 4-H

2020 4-H Exhibition Enrollment Dates:

October 1, 2019 – May 15, 2020

4HOnline enrollment & payment of
program fees is due by May 15, 2020.

If you enroll May 1-15 you must use a major credit card for payment.

Note: some animal projects have an earlier deadline.

Fair Entry will open June 1-30, 2020.

Failure to do so will result in those projects placing no higher than a blue ribbon (no honor, division reserve champion, division champion, State Fair entry, reserve grand champion, or grand champion).



Good News!

The 4-H Board voted to eliminate the county program fee of \$10.00 for 2020. The State program fee of \$15.00 per youth is still in effect for youth in Grade 3-12. Our 4-H Board will revisit this decision each year.

SAVE THE DATE 2020 4-H FLING

February 29, 5 pm Chicken Dinner, 5-7 Silent Auction, Live Auction Starts at 6:30 pm
If interested in helping collect auction items contact Jean for donation letter.

NEW GENEALOGY CLUB

Interested in learning about your family tree? Join the new Genealogy Club that will meet at the Downtown Branch of the Allen County Public Library on the second Saturday of each month starting December 14. See the attached flyer for more details.

Cancellation Policy

All 4-H meetings and activities will be cancelled if the Fort Wayne Community School Corporation is closed due to bad weather. If in doubt, watch/listen to TV and radio outlets.



Please Share Your Email Notices

The email you entered in your family profile in the 4HOnline system is the email we use to send newsletters and other important information. Please share these newsletters with everyone in your household so no one is left out. Double check to make sure the email you provided in 4HOnline is one you regularly check.

SPARK Clubs

These are hands-on educational workshops for youth in grades 3-12 designed to SPARK interest in various fields. Youth do not have to be 4-H members to register to participate in a SPARK Club, but will become 4-H members with their payment of the \$15.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!

CANDY - January 10 & 17 from 6-9 pm. \$10.00 Supply Fee. Space is limited so RSVP by January 3. If you are new or have not re-enrolled for 2020 then there is a \$15.00 State Program fee.

If you have ideas for a SPARK Club, please let us know and we will work to try to make it happen!



Teens as Teachers Conference: February 21-23, 2020

The Teens as Teachers Conference will be hosted on February 21-23 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, IN. Teams will include 3 youth (minimum) and 1 adult mentor (staff or volunteer). 5 tracks to select from:

- Animal Biosecurity
- Computer Coding
- Healthy Living
- Teen Leadership
- Fluid Power

There are a maximum number of teams that may be registered per track – register early to get your first choice!

Descriptions of each track:

Animal Biosecurity – This program will focus on incorporating engineering design and maker activities into 4-H Animal Science Programs. This session is designed to provide an avenue for youth interested in learning about animals who do not have access to live animals, while also providing STEM learning opportunities for more traditional 4-H livestock members. Each team will receive a kit of hands-on “maker” and robotics activities for youth in grades 3-8. Teams will also inform youth about where their food comes from throughout their training sessions.

Healthy Living – This program will focus on nutrition, physical activity, and social/emotional health activities and lessons. Teen teachers will be trained to implement healthy living programs in their communities using fun and creative methods.

Computer Coding – This program will build off of last year’s success with computer coding that was launched as Indiana participated in a grant funded by National 4-H Council and Google.

Teen Leadership – The resources included in this program will enable teens to lead community-based activities designed to help their peers develop leadership life skills, leading to enhanced workforce development skills.

Fluid Power - The Fluid Power track is designed to introduce STEM concepts to high school students in a fun and exciting environment. Teens will learn about the basics of hydraulics and pneumatics in different applications and work in teams as they experiment and design their own unique machines to solve real world problems. Teens will gain experience in hands-on learning, problem-solving, and teamwork. It also introduces them to careers in the fluid power industry. Teens will also be given tools to teach others about hydraulics and pneumatics in real life applications.

Contact the office to register your team!



Learn more about how we're empowering young people in your community with skills to lead for a lifetime. Visit 4-H.org

WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

4-H Camp Counselors Needed

Do you like working with younger children? Are you currently in Grade 9-12. Then consider applying to be a 4-H Camp Counselor this summer. Applications are due by February 1. This is an excellent opportunity to develop your leadership skills in working with younger youth! An application will be available soon.

**Camp Counselor
Applications Being
Due
February 1, 2020**



SHOOTING SPORTS

Hunter Education Class

Allen County 4-H Clubs will be hosting a session of the Hunter Education Class in January/February 2020. The class will be held at the Purdue Extension-Allen County Office on January 25 and February 1, 2020. Participants MUST attend both days. The time is 8 AM-3:30 PM. This is a FREE two day class taught by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. This class is open to youth and adults. Anyone age 11 or younger MUST be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Anyone born after December 31, 1986 is required to be certified in Hunter Education before they can purchase a hunting license. To register go to www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/. Click on Education Classes and Register. This class is limited to the first 45 who have registered. The link may not be active until early December.

Air Rifle Program: January–March 2020

This program is for all youth in Grades 3-12. They will meet on Tuesday evenings at the Hoagland Pavilion, Hoagland IN from 6:30-7:30 PM. Cost is \$30.00 which includes the State 4-H Program Fee. This class will meet for ten sessions: January 7 - March 10, 2020. Deadline for registration and payment is January 2, 2020. Minimum of 4, maximum of 12 for this class. Registration flyer is on the 4-H website.

.22 Rifle Program: January-March 2020

This program is for all youth in Grades 4-12. They will meet on Wednesday evenings at the Concordia Lutheran High School Shooting Range, Fort Wayne IN. Time is 6:30-8:30 PM. Cost is \$55.00 which includes the State 4-H Program Fee. This class will meet for ten sessions: January 15 - March 18, 2020.



From all of us here to all of you, we hope this month will be full of family, friends, memories and laughter.



4-H Scholarships

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about scholarships. Scholarship application forms, information, and instructions on applying via 4HOnline are available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>. Questions? Call Samm at 260.481.6826.

Scholarships available include:

4-H Accomplishment Scholarships

Available to 4-H members in grade 10-12 and the year immediately following high school graduation. Selection is based on the member's life skill development resulting from their 4-H participation. Awards range from \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Categories include Animal Science; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; Plant and Environmental Science; Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

4-H Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University, as a freshman or transfer student, majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors, listed on the application, in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement and financial need as determined by Purdue's Division of Financial Aid.

In order to apply applications must have their FAFSA on file by March 1st. (Reminder: The scholarship is due January 25th). In order to access the Federal Student Aid website an FSA ID (username and password) will need to be created. Students and parents must make their? own FSA IDs. For more information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID, please visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.

4-H Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement. Awards range from \$250.00-\$1,000.00.

Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture pursuing an undergraduate degree in Horticulture, Turf Management and Science, Sustainable Food and Farming Systems or Landscape Architecture. Applicants must have studied at least four years horticulture and/or plant science related subject matter/project through Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Selection is based on the member's overall 4-H achievement.

HORSE & PONY



4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team

Do you want to learn more about horses and judging them? Then the 4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team may be for you. You do NOT need to own a horse or even know much about horses to join this group. You will LEARN! This is for youth currently in Grades 3-12.

Their first meeting will be on January 5, 2020 at the Extension Office from 3-6 pm. They normally meet on Sunday afternoons from January–April. The coaches are Lisa Didion and Jacob Taylor, 4-H Volunteers. Lisa's contact information is 260-740-8313 or email lisagdidion.ld@gmail.com. Please contact her for more details and information.

LIVESTOCK

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members MUST be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. This will be in effect for all of these species in Indiana. This is for all youth in Grades 3-12.

Allen County will be offering in-person trainings in the spring. Dates will be published in early 2020. Other neighboring counties will also be offering in-person trainings. Watch for additional information in 2020.

Llama

If anyone is interested in participating in the 4-H Llama project in 2020, please call the office NOW and ask for additional information, and to have your name put on the list. There are several Llama Farms, and some of them are accepting new members. You do NOT need to own a llama to participate. Many 4-H members use the Llamas owned by the 4-H Leaders.

2020 Animal Deadlines

PLEASE - Please, try to complete all enrollment in animal projects by January 15. We send information electronically to youth enrolled in specific 4-H projects. We cannot send you the information if you have NOT enrolled in that specific project. This will be important information on ID dates, 4HOnline deadlines, etc.

Sample paperwork will be available at all TAGGING/ID events. They will occur in the Lion's Barn on the Allen County Fairgrounds. Premise ID numbers will also be required to complete 4honline ID.

February 8	TAGGING/ID for ALL - Beef Heifers & Steers, Dairy Beef Steers	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 1	4HOnline Deadline for ID of all Beef Steers & Dairy Beef Steers	
April 18	TAGGING/ID – ALL Dairy Beef FEEDER Calves	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 23	TAGGING/ID – ALL Sheep and All Goats	5:00-8:00 pm
May 15	4HOnline Deadline for ID of All Beef Heifers and Junior Calves, Dairy Beef Feeder Calves, Horse & Pony, Llama, Sheep, Swine. Also Project Add & Drop.	
June 30	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office	By 4:30 pm
June 30	Fair Entry done online (what I am Exhibiting at the County Fair)	By 11:59 pm

Upcoming Workshops

These workshops will focus on completing some activities in the Project Activity Sheets. More information provided as it becomes available.

By attending workshops, 4-H members gain knowledge of projects, and build friendships with fellow 4-H'ers and leaders. These workshops are open to all 4-H members.

2019 4-H Livestock Important Dates		
Project	Date & Time	Location
Poultry Workshop	February 24, 7-9 PM	County Extension Office
Swine Workshop	March 16, 6:30 PM	County Extension Office
Swine Workshop	May 13, 6 PM	Fairgrounds
Poultry Workshop & Blood Testing	July 11, 9 AM—12 NOON	Swine Barn, Fairgrounds

JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next meeting will be on January 28 from 7-8:30 pm at the Extension Office. All youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in this group that focuses on leadership development and FUN! Junior Leaders will be FREE again in 2020! Bring your friends! If you have been interested in seeing what Junior Leaders is all about attend, this meeting.

4-H VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours for 2020

A worksheet was sent to volunteers to track their volunteer hours from **October 2019 to July 2020** with the **Allen County 4-H Program**. This is a worksheet for you to tally on. **We do not need this worksheet.** You can call or email your grand total number of hours to Jean at 481-6429 or jkendall@purdue.edu. When picking up your State Fair ticket, you will be asked to report your hours. Thank you for volunteering. Volunteer hours worksheet attached.

Youth Safety and Reporting Child Abuse Training

All 4-H Adult and Youth Volunteers are required to complete this training every two years. Some of you will be receiving notice either email/or hard copy that your certification has expired. Please follow the directions in the notice to complete as soon as possible so you are a true 4-H volunteer. We will notify you when your training is about to expire.

Please respond to phone calls ASAP. New families may be contacting you with questions.

COUNTY FAIR



2020 FAIR DATES

July 21-26, with the Auction on July 27

CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office

FG = Fairgrounds

December 2020

24-25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday

January 2020

1 Office Closed – Happy New Year
2 Air Rifle Registration Due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
5 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
7 Fling Committee, 6 pm @ CEO
7 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 @ CEO
8 Winter 22 Rifle Registration Due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
12 4-H Horse Judging Team, 4:30 @ CEO
14-16 Fort Wayne Farm Show – Coliseum
14 Baking Club, 6 PM @ CEO
15 4-H Volunteer Enrollments Due Online
20 Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
21 Horse & Pony Leaders Meeting, 7:15 pm @ CEO
25 Scholarship Apps Deadline 11:59 pm Online
25 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required
26 4-H Horse Judging Team, 4:30 @ CEO
28 Jr Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO

February 2020

1 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required
2 4-H Horse Judging Team, 4:30 @ CEO
8 Beef & Dairy Beef Cattle Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
9 4-H Horse Judging Team, 4:30 @ CEO
15 Beef & Dairy Beef cattle Weigh in SNOW DATE
16 4-H Horse Judging Team, 4:30 @ CEO
19 Swine Committee 7 pm @ FG's
18 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
23 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
25 Jr Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO
24 Poultry Workshop, 7 pm @ CEO
29 4-H Fling - Chicken Dinner with Silent & Live Auction
5 pm @ FG's

March 2020

1 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
3 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
8 Llama Call Out Meeting 3:00 pm, CEO
10 Air Rifle Class 6:30 pm @ Hoagland Pavilion
15 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
15 4-H Recognition Theme Design Due, 4:30 CEO
16 Swine Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
17 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
22 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
29 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
31 4-H Plant Sale Orders Due, CEO

April 2020

5 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
16 Muzzleloading Orientation, 6:30 pm @ CEO
18 Dairy Beef Feeder Calf Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
19 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
23 Sheep & Goat ID, 6-8 pm @ Fairgrounds
26 4-H Horse Judging Team, 3 pm @ CEO
28 Junior Leaders, 7:00 pm CEO

May 2020

6 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's, McComb Bldg
5 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
7 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 5-8 pm @ Fairgrounds
8 4-H Plant Sale Pick up 9-12 Noon @ Fairgrounds
15 4-H Enrollments Due Online
15 Livestock ID Due ONLINE
15 Horse ID Sheets Due ONLINE
15 Project Add/Drop Deadline ONLINE
25 Office Closed – Memorial Day
25 Three Rivers Open Horse Show, FG's 8 am
