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COUNTLESS CONNECTIONS

Reenroll by January 15

Attached are re enrollment instructions. Please do so by the January 15 deadline.

NEW RULES ADDENDUM!

There is a 2017 Rules Addendum. One is attached with this newsletter. It will also be on our website soon: www.extension.purdue.edu/allen. It is highly recommended each 4-H household print off a 2017 Rules Addendum.

Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board

The Allen County 4-H Program is overseen by a 15 member Board of Directors. Please see the Board of Directors list below. New members are elected at an Annual Meeting in November each year. This group meets monthly, their job is to oversee the entire 4-H Program in Allen County. They secure funding to run the 4-H Program year round; provide guidance within the bounds of the State 4-H guidelines for all 4-H programming; work at expansion of 4-H programming to all youth; approve changes and improvements. They also serve on various subcommittees that meet throughout the year.

The Allen County 4-H Board Members for 2017 include:

Roger Clark-President

Kurt VanHorn-Vice President

Ashley Lewis-Secretary

Donna Dafforn-Treasurer

Directors: Heather Anderson, Stephanie Bailey, Annette Buchanan, Brian Hoopengardner, Rob Knott, Gina Smith, Kim Smith, Chris Turpchinoff, Rachel Hammond, Shelby Smith, and Marijane Crowe.

Allen County Fairgrounds, Inc.

The Allen County Fairgrounds is run by a 20 member Board of Directors. They are elected at an Annual Meeting held in February. They are responsible for the operations and running of the Allen County Fairgrounds year round. This group owns the Allen County Fairgrounds. They also have several subcommittees-the Fair Committee oversees the Allen County Fair each July. The Allen County Fairgrounds does not receive any county income. Their income is from fundraisers, rentals and memberships.

The Fair Committee is open to anyone interested This group meets monthly, If you wish to volunteer to help on this committee call the Fairgrounds at 449-4444.

How do Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. and the Allen County Fairgrounds, Inc. work together?

Both groups work together to make sure that the Allen County Fair is a success. The Allen County 4-H Program is also allowed to use the Allen County Fairgrounds facilities FREE for 4-H Workshops and Meetings. These have to be approved by both groups. The annual number of days used is approximately 104 days with a rental value of \$40,100.00. When a 4-H group chooses to use the Allen County Fairgrounds for Open Shows or fundraising events they pay a rental fee. This rental fee is specific for the 4-H Program [i.e. it is lower than rental for the general public]. One member from the 4-H Board attends the monthly meetings of the Allen County Fairgrounds and serves in an ex-officio capacity.

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Allen County Indiana 4-H

Cancellation Policy

All 4-H meetings and activities will be cancelled if the Fort Wayne Community School Corporation is closed due to bad weather.



4-H Tenure

Mini 4-H Tenure DOES not count towards traditional 10 years.

Indiana 4-H Polish Exchange

The Indiana 4-H Polish Exchange is on hold for the summer of 2017. Agreements have not been signed between the two entities that support this exchange program in Poland and Indiana. We hope that the exchange will continue in 2018.

48 Hours Notice

The traffic at the Extension Office has picked up. We ask when you need books, supplies, please call ahead with a 48 hour notice. Samm, Barb, and Jean are glad to help out but they are not always available immediately. Please call ahead or even email. Thank you for your cooperation!

FUNDRAISERS



4-H Fish Fry, Carnival and Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for March 25. Allen County 4-H will be holding a special evening of fun and food for everyone. All 4-H Clubs will be asked to help by setting up fun Carnival Type booths that kids can participate in and win prizes. The event will be held at the IPFW Alumni Center, 1528 E California Road Fort Wayne. This is located off Coliseum Blvd. to the West of IPFW Campus. The menu will include All you can eat fish & tenderloin, sides, dessert and a beverage. Food will be served from 4-7 pm. or until sold out. More details will be coming. This event is a fundraiser for Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Each 4-H Club will also have the opportunity to sign up to help with the Fish Fry. Work times are: 3:30-5:30 pm and 5:30-7:30 pm and 6-8 pm. Jobs include serving food in the food line, bussing tables, assisting with desserts and beverages. Assistance is also needed at the Carnival selling tickets and staffing the Token Booth-during the same times as above. Plan to join your old friends and invite new friends to join you at the 4-H Fish Fry, Carnival, and Silent Auction in March! **We have presale tickets at the office for \$8.00 adult tickets and \$5.00 youth tickets. Each ticket will cost \$2.00 more at the door.**

4-H Plant Sale Fund Raiser

Annual 4-H Plant Sale Fundraiser. Details and Order form attached. Orders due March 31. Plants will be available **ONLY at these times: Thursday, May 11, from 5-8 pm or Friday, May 12 from 9 am-Noon** at the Fairgrounds. **No Refunds on orders not picked up. Orders not picked up by noon on May 12 will be available for sale, anything left will be donated.** Each 4-H family is being challenged to get 2 new customers. Proceeds from this fundraiser go toward Allen

County 4-H Board expenses such as 4-H trips that are not sponsored, 4-H publicity/promotion, and other County 4-H expenses. What a great gift for Mother's Day! 4-H members that sell a total of ten (10) hanging baskets or patio planters will receive a \$25.00 refund on their State and County 4-H Program fees.

New in 2017
Confetti Patio Planter
(lobelia, petunia & verbena)
\$20.00

Workshops & Activities

Wildlife Habitat Education Program [WHEP]

Do you like to hunt or enjoy being in the great outdoors? The Wildlife Habitat Education Program may be for you! You will learn how to identify different wildlife species, understand habitat requirements and how to properly manage habitat to improve wildlife populations in this program. Activities include: hikes, urban wildlife; outdoor activities; management plans; wetlands and team activities. The meetings for this group are: February 8 and March 8 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Extension Office. Contact James Wolff, ANR Educator at jmwolff@purdue.edu for more information.

4-H Dog Obedience Training

The 4-H Dog Obedience Training program will begin in early March, 2017. This is open to all youth in grades 3-12. Sessions will be Monday evenings, at the Home Loan Building on the Fairgrounds.



If you are interested in the Dog Project, call the Extension Office NOW - All paperwork is due back in the Extension Office by February 17, 2017 with registration fees.

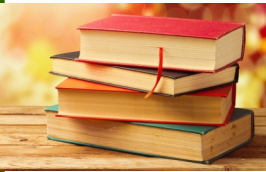
SPARK Clubs

These are new 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 \$25.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!



Small Animals

Wildlife is all around us! Get up close and personal with these furry creatures while you learn about their habitats, diets, and much more. Indiana Wild presents educational programs throughout the area, and now they're coming to Allen County 4-H! This group is open to all youth in 3rd-12th grades and will meet at the Extension Office on January 23 and 30 from 6-9pm. Space is limited! A minimum of 6 and maximum of 30 registered and paid participants are needed to hold this workshop. \$25 state and county program fees are due at the time of registration, which means those 4-H members who have paid 2017 program fees are FREE! Contact the Extension Office for a registration form.



Reading

Do you love to read? Are you always searching for a new book? Then this SPARK Club is for you! Please bring a few of your favorite books and you'll have time to work on a Reading project exhibit for the Allen County Fair this summer. This SPARK Club is open to all youth in 3rd-12th grades and will meet at the Extension Office on January 21, February 18, and March 18 from 9:00-11:00am. Space is limited! A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 registered and paid participants are needed to hold this workshop. \$25 state and county program fees plus a \$10 supplies fee are due at the time of registration, which

means if you've already paid 2017 program fees, this SPARK Club will only cost you the \$10 supplies fee.

Vet Science



Do you love animals? Are you interested in what it takes to be a veterinarian? Then this SPARK Club is for you! You'll learn about animal diseases, what to study now if you want to become a veterinarian, what veterinarians do from day to day, and much more. This SPARK Club is open to all youth in 3rd-12th grades and will meet at the Extension Office on February 25 and March 4 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Space is limited! A minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 registered and paid participants are needed to hold this workshop. \$25 state and county program fees plus a \$10 supplies fee are due at the time of registration, which means if you've already paid 2017 program fees, this SPARK Club will only cost you the \$10 supplies fee.

Small Engines

We will hold a Small Engines SPARK Club on February 2, 9, 16, 23 March 2, and 9 from 6:30-8pm at Carrol High School. This workshop is open to all youth in 3rd-12th grades. Participants will learn about caring for, fixing, and maintaining small engines. Space is limited! \$25 state and county 4-H program fees plus a \$4 small engine manual fee are due at the time of registration, which means if you have paid your 2017 4-H program fees, this SPARK Club will only cost you the \$4 small engine manual fee.

Do It Yourself Home Products

Are you looking for ways to get rid of excess chemicals in your cleaning and body products? This SPARK Club will teach participants how to make your own products using the power of essential oils. This workshop is open to all youth in 3rd-12th grades and will meet at the Extension Office on March 11 from 9:30am-3:30pm. Lunch will be provided, and is included in the cost of the workshop. Space is limited! A minimum of 6 and a maximum of 12 registered and paid participants are needed to hold this workshop. \$25 state and county 4-H program fees plus a \$20 supplies fee are due at the time of registration, which means if you have paid your 2017 4-H program fees, this SPARK Club will only cost you the \$20 supplies fee. Adults are welcome to participate in the SPARK with a registered youth, but is expected to pay the \$20 supplies fee.

Coming in 2017- Basket weaving, Tennis and more! Keep your eyes peeled for more opportunities.

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

4-H Junior Forestry Team Places 9th at State

Congratulations to the 4-H Junior Forestry Team of Tate Bonin, Owen VanHorn and Nick Shirey. They placed 9th out of 26 Teams at the State 4-H/FFA Forestry Contest held in December at Purdue University. Owen VanHorn placed 10th as an Individual. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work!

SHOOTING SPORTS

Muzzleloading & Archery

The next two opportunities will be the 4-H Archery & Muzzleloading programs. Muzzleloading will begin in April. Archery will begin in May. Continue to watch email for details once dates have been set.



HORSE & PONY

The Horse and Pony Clubs will begin meeting this month

Saddlebums: January 11, January 25, February 8, February 22, March 8, March 22, April 12, April 26. Location: St. Vincent Boy Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne. Time: 6:30 PM—8:30 PM. Call Lisa Didion at 740-8313 for more information.

Sporhorse: January 21, February 25, March 18, April 22. Location: New Haven Public Library, 648 Green Street, New Haven. Time: 1—3 PM. Call Andi Adams at 632-5053 or Marilou Linnemeier at 705-9526 for more information.

Outdoor Meetings will begin in May. They will all be held at the Allen County Fairgrounds, Horse Arena.

4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team

Are you interested in learning more about horses? You do not need to even own or ride a horse to become involved in the 4-H Horse and Pony Judging Team. They have scheduled four [4] meeting dates in January: January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2017. All times are from 4:30-6 PM. This program is open to all youth currently in Grades 3-12. If you have further questions, please contact Lisa Didion at 740-8313.

LIVESTOCK

Reminder for all Livestock Families-Premise ID Number

All cattle, swine, sheep and goats must have a Premise ID Number for the location of animals, whether you have 1 or 2 animals for 4-H on a part-time basis or raise production stock year-round. For more information and registration forms, contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health at 317-544-2400 or on the web at www.in.gov/boah/2624.htm. **The number will be required to complete the animal ID online.**

Livestock Activity Sheets

Reminder - your animal activity sheets and record sheets are due on June 30.

Activity Sheets will be used for Beef, Dairy, Dairy Beef, Goat, Horse, Llama, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine.

2017 Animal Deadlines

Remember January 15, 2017 is the deadline to enroll in 4-H if you wish to exhibit any animals at the County Fair or the Indiana State Fair. Keep watching for updates.

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.

January 15	4Honline Enrollment deadline	
February 11	TAGGING/ID for ALL - Beef Heifers & Steers, Dairy Beef Steers (Snow Date February 18, 2017)	8:00–11:00 a.m.
April 22	TAGGING/ID – ALL Dairy Beef FEEDER Calves	8:00–10:00 a.m.
April 27	TAGGING/ID – ALL Sheep and All Goats	5:30-8:00 pm
May 15	Project Add & Drop	
June 30	Activity Sheets due to the Extension Office	By 4:30 pm
June 30	Fair Entry done on line (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 avail-

2017 4-H Livestock Important Dates		
Project	Date & Time	Location
Poultry Workshop	February 6, 6:30-8 PM	County Extension Office
Rabbit Pizza Party	February 13, 6 PM	TBA
Swine Workshop	March 6, 6:30-8 PM	County Extension Office
Rabbit Workshop	March 16, 7 PM	County Extension Office
Rabbit Workshop	April 11, 7 PM	County Extension Office
Rabbit Workshop	May 18, 7 PM	County Extension Office
Swine Workshop	June 12, 7 PM	TBA
Rabbit Tattoo Workshop	June 15, 7 PM	County Extension Office
Poultry Blood Testing	June 24 9AM – 12 Noon	Fairgrounds

2017 FAIR DATES

July 25-30, with the Auction on July 31
Indiana State Fair August 4-20, 2017



JUNIOR LEADERS

Junior Leaders Upcoming Meetings

January 24, 7:00 pm @ CEO

Our guest speaker will discuss opportunities with trades careers.

CLUB LEADERS

Next Meetings:

February 23 @ CEO 6:30-8:45 pm

Topic: Area XI Judges Clinic. This Area XI training will be held in Allen County this year! More information will be provided. There is a \$5.00 fee for this clinic. You will be added to the Area XI Judges List after you participate. We hope to have several volunteers participate!



Email Alert!

4-H will be utilizing email more and more. Newsletters will be email (a link will be sent). Please email Jean at jkendall@purdue.edu with your current email address so files can be updated. Also please be sure to bookmark <http://www.extension.purdue.edu/allen> as the Allen County 4-H web site. Each county has it's own web site, so be sure you are using Allen County's to get the correct records sheets, and other information.

Other Extension Office Events

HHS Programs

Open to the Public

Educational Programs

February 9, 1 pm "Vitamin D: Sunshine or Supplement?"

March 13, 7 pm "Easy Care Flower Favorites"

April 25, 7 pm "Raised Bed Gardening"

May 9, 7 pm "D.A.S.H. to the Mediterranean"

Special Interest Lessons for 2017

Please check which lessons you are interested in attending. Return this form with ALL fees payable to Allen County Extension Homemakers, to Vickie Hadley, 4001 Crescent Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Deadline for registrations is January 4, 2017. Pre-registration and payment are required to allow instructors to plan for handouts and supplies. A reminder will be sent to you prior to each lesson. Invite a friend to register and join in the fun!

January 17, 1 pm "Olive Oil 101"

February 8, 1 pm "Tracing Family History"

March 30, 7 pm "Using Social Media"

April 27, 7 pm "Famous & Not-So-Famous People-
Past & Present"

May 10, 1 pm "Different Uses of Glass"

Painting a Glass Cost \$3.00

Decorating Votive Candles Cost \$2.00

Other Programs available:

Serv Safe Training & Recertification

Horticulture Programs

Interested in taking the Spring 2017 Master Gardener Class? Check out the web site for the application.

Home and Garden Show March 2-5, 2017

Agricultural Programs

Private Applicator Recertification - Coming in after the first of the year. Watch website for information.

Farm Show January 17-19, 2017

Check out the website www.extension.purdue.edu/allen for complete details.

CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office

FGs = Fairgrounds

January 2017

- 13 SPARK Reading RSVP Due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 **4-H Enrollments & Volunteer Enrollments Due Online**
- 16 **Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr Holiday**
- 17-19 Fort Wayne Farm Show – Coliseum
- 17 Horse & Pony Leaders Meeting, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 24 Junior Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO
- 25 Scholarship Apps Deadline 11:59 pm Online
- 28 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required

February 2017

- 1 Camp Counselor Applications Due, 4:30 @ CEO
- 2 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 4 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required
- 6 Poultry Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 7 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 8 WHEP, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Beef & Dairy Beef Cattle Weigh in, 8-11 am @ FG's
- 13 Swine Committee 7 pm @ FG's
- 13 Rabbit Pizza Party, TBA
- 14 Fairgrounds Annual Meeting, FG's
- 16 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 17 SPARK Vet Science RSVP due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
- 17 Dog Registration Paperwork Due. 4:30 pm @ CEO
- 18 Beef & Dairy Beef Cattle Weigh in SNOW DATE
- 21 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 28 Junior Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO

March 2017

- 6 Swine Workshop, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 7 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 9 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 15 4-H Recognition Theme Design Due, 4:30 CEO
- 16 Rabbit Workshop, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 21 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 23 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 23 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 23 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 25 Meat Goat Workshop, 10 am @ Lewis Farm
- 25 4-H Fish Fry @ IPFW Alumni Center
- 28 Junior Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @
- 31 **4-H Plant Sale Orders Due, CEO**
- 31-2 Hoosier Horse Fair, Indianapolis

April 2017

- 1 **Jr Leader T-Shirt \$ Due, @ CEO**
- 4 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 6 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Rabbit Workshop, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 18 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 20 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO