



January 2020

Clover Chronicle

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4590
Telephone: 260.481.6826 Fax: 260.481.6439



Extension
ALLEN COUNTY

Note Change in County Fair Dates from earlier newsletters.

Allen County Staff:



Samm Johnson
Extension Educator,
4-H Youth Development
sammjohnson@purdue.edu

COUNTY FAIR



2020 FAIR DATES

July 28-August 2, with the
Livestock Auction on August 3



Jean Kendall
4-H Administration Assistant
jkendall@purdue.edu

Visit us online at
www.extension.purdue.edu/allen
and "Like" us on Facebook
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).

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.

Chicken Dinner Presale Tickets will be \$7.00 starting first week of February or \$10.00 at door day of event.

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.



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!



Allen County 4-H Board Members

The following are the newly elected officers and members of the Allen County 4-H Board of Directors. This group meets monthly to oversee the 4-H Program in Allen County.

President: Shawn Parker

Vice President: Jacob Taylor

Treasurer: Alan Burton

Secretary: Stephanie Bailey

Directors: Liz Chmiel, Jennifer Fletcher, Rachel Hammond, Jason Howard, Mari Huelsenbeck, Betsy Johnson, Tyler Olinske, Erin Roembke, and Renee Spieth

Junior Leader Liaison: Isaac Kaufeld

Adult Volunteer Liaison: Sarah Berning

Youth Representative: Alan Burton

Thanks to the following outgoing Board members who completed their terms: Aric Bradtmueller, Annette Buchanan, Marijane Crowe, Ashley Stoner, Chris Turpchinoff, and Kurt VanHorn.

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.

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!

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

Coming in the Spring—Horses



Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. Board

The Allen County 4-H Program is overseen by a 15 member Board of Directors. 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.

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 on Thursdays. 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 Board and serves in an ex-officio capacity.

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, 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!

4-H Tenure

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

FUNDRAISERS



4-H Plant Sale Fund Raiser

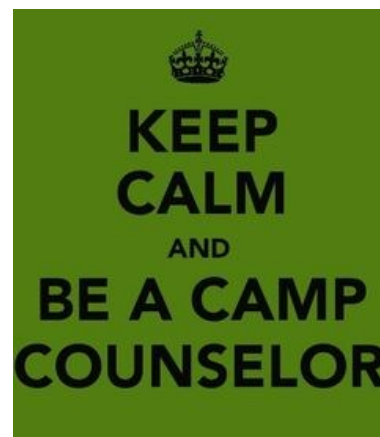
Annual 4-H Plant Sale Fundraiser. Details and Order form attached. Orders due March 31. Plants will be available **ONLY at these times: Thursday, May 7, from 5-8 pm or Friday, May 8 from 9 am–Noon** at the Fairgrounds. **No Refunds on orders not picked up. Orders not picked up by noon on May 8 will be 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!

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!

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



4-H Dog Obedience Training

The 4-H Dog Obedience Training program will begin in early March, 2019. This is open to all youth in grades 3-12. Sessions will be Monday evenings, at the Home Loan Building on the Fairgrounds.

We will hold a callout meeting for everyone interested in participating in the Dog Obedience program this year on February 11, 2020 from 6:30-8 pm at the Purdue Extension - Allen County Office. We will have paperwork available as well explain the program and answer any questions. If you are interested in participating but cannot attend this meeting please call 260-481-6826. All paperwork is due back in the Extension Office by February 21, 2020 with registration fees.

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. See the attached flyer for more details.



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.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Hunter Education Class

Allen County 4-H Clubs will be hosting a session of the Hunter Education Class in January/February 2019. The class will be held at the Purdue Extension-Allen County Office on January 26 and February 2, 2019. 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 is active now.

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



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.

They normally meet on Sunday afternoons from January–April at 3 pm. 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.

The Horse and Pony Clubs will begin meeting this month

Saddlebums: Call Lisa Didion at 740-8313 for more information.

Sporhorse: Call Andi Adams at 632-5053 for more information.

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

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.

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, 2020.

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

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.

Llama Farms meet at different locations and times. There will be a Llama Call out Meeting on March 8, 2020, at 3:00 PM at the Extension Office.

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 (Snow Date February 15, 2020)	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

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.

CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office

FG = Fairgrounds

January 2020

- 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 STEM Club, 6:30 pm @ TECH Venture
- 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
- 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
- 18 STEM Club, 6:30 pm @ TECH Venture
- 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
- 15 STEM Club, 6:30 pm @ TECH Venture
- 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**

