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ALLEN COUNTY

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.

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Allen County Indiana 4-H

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

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.

Parents & Alumni Volunteers Needed-Anyone Can Volunteer!

As we evaluate our past 4-H year and plan for a new one, we anticipate the need for more 4-H volunteers in 2019. If you have some time to donate to work with your child and/or other children in Allen County, please consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. We have openings as 4-H Community Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Resource Leaders and SPARK Club Leaders. We also need people to serve on Boards and Committees and to assist with Fair events. Please contact the County Extension Office. We would be happy to discuss with you further opportunities for you to volunteer with the Allen County 4-H Program. There are areas in Fort Wayne and Allen County where we do not have 4-H Community Clubs and we would certainly like to offer 4-H if volunteers are available to work with members.

Global Gateway Experience

Do you have an interest in learning about civic engagement and the global hunger issue? There is an opportunity for Allen County 4-H members (grades 7-12) to get involved and learn more by attending the Global Gateway Experience at the Howell Nature Center in Howell, Michigan, April 17-19, 2020. (Friday – Sunday evening). The Global Gateway Experience includes a Global Village in which youth will see recreated urban slums, bamboo huts, shanties, refugee camps, and more. The Howell Nature Center creates an experience in which nothing - shelter, food, water or cooking fuel - can be taken for granted. Participants will understand global hunger through a number of exercises and prepare a meal with limited resources while staying in the Global Village.

4-H members will stay at the lodge in the Howell Nature Center the first night and spend the night in one of the Global Village structures on the second night. The registration fee for the experience will be \$175, plus the cost of two meals on the trip to/from Michigan. Transportation by charter bus will be provided and is sponsored by Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Youth must submit an application as this trip is limited. **NAME** County can take a team of 4 youth and 1 adult on this trip. Applications are available from the **NAME** County Extension Office and are due by December 1.



WANTED: Volunteer Mentors

If you are interested in serving as a mentor for a new 4-H volunteer, please contact Samm at 260-481-6826 or sammjohnson@purdue.edu. This is something new we are trying and would be a very limited time commitment. Thanks for considering this request.

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.

Allen County 4-H Board Members Have to wait till after Annual Meeting

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:

Secretary:

Directors: Stephanie Bailey, 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.

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!



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.

FarmHouse Fraternity Achievement Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by The Purdue FarmHouse Foundation for FarmHouse Fraternity and is restricted to an Indiana 4-H member who will be a freshman at Purdue University. Indiana 4-H youth development staff do not review applications and are not involved in the selection process.

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. Deadline for registration and payment is January 8, 2020. Minimum of 18, maximum of 30 for this class. Registration flyer is on the 4-H website.

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.



HEAD



HEART



HANDS



HEALTH

LIVESTOCK

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

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.

There will be a Llama Call out Meeting on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Extension Office. Please plan to attend if you are new to 4-H Llamas.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next meeting will be on November 26 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

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

SUPPORT PURDUE EXTENSION

Support the Extension Office: You can order Poinsettias for the Holidays. Attached is a file to place your order. Orders due by Noon on November 20, 2019 with payment. Pick up on December 5 from 3-6 PM or December 6 from 8 AM to 2:00 PM at the Extension Office.

COUNTY FAIR



2020 FAIR DATES

July 21-26, with the Auction on July 27

Other Extension Office Events

Horticulture Educational Programs

HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENT CLASS - December 2nd from 6 to 8:00 pm. \$30 due at registration. Deck your halls this holiday season with fresh evergreen boughs! Amy Henry, Landscape Designer at Arbor Farms Nursery, will be giving a demonstration on how to decorate your outdoor annual planters for Christmas. Using fresh holiday greenery and other accents you can quickly create a holiday arrangement in your empty flower pots to decorate your front porch. She will also help you put together the fragrant tips of noble fir and cedar to create a fresh holiday swag to take home. The swag will incorporate accents such as pine cones, berries, a decorative bow, and more for a nice seasonal touch. You are welcome to bring your own items to incorporate into the evergreen swag as well. Please bring your own gloves and pruners to use at the workshop.

Health & Human Sciences Educational Programs

“**I CAN**” A FREE Life skills program for individuals grade 6 to adult. Series ONE is beginner level. Classes Include: Hand Sewing for Beginners (November 16) DIY Gift Giving (November 23). Call 481-6826 to register. Class size limited.

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

CALENDAR

CEO = County Extension Office
FGs = Fairgrounds

November 2019

- 19 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 25 Area Crops, Forstry & Ento Judging, Whitley Co, 5 pm
- 26 Junior Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO
- 28-29 Office Closed—Thanksgiving Holiday Break**

December 2019

- 3 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 5 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 9 Extension Board Annual Meeting 6:30 @ CEO
- 10 Junior Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO
- 12 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 24-25 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday**

January 2020

- 1 Office Closed – Happy New Year
- 5 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 7 4-H Board Meeting, 7:00 @ CEO
- 12 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 14-16 Fort Wayne Farm Show, Memorial Coliseum
- 14 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 15 4-H Volunteer Enrollments Due Online**
- 19 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 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 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 28 Jr Leaders, 7 pm @ CEO

February 2020

- 1 Hunter Education Class – Pre Register Required
- 2 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 8 Beef & Dairy Beef Cattle Weigh in, 8-10 am @ FG's
- 9 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 11 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 15 Beef & Dairy Beef cattle Weigh in SNOW DATE
- 16 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 18 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 Swine Committee, 7 pm @ FG's
- 23 Horse Judging Practice, 3-6 pm @ CEO
- 24 Poultry Workshop, 7 pm @ CEO