

# ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, TRIPS/WORKSHOPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

## ACTIVITIES

**PERFORMING ARTS (formerly Share the Fun):** This is an opportunity for 4-H members or groups of members to display their creative talents on stage. Acts can range from singing and dancing to skits, pantomime, or even magic. The winning acts from the county competition have the opportunity to compete in the Area 8 contest usually held in early May. The contest is divided into 3 categories:

1. Group Acts
  - a. Number of performers: five (5) or more
  - b. Time: 5 to 8 minutes
  - c. Types of acts: skits, choral number, dance routine, lip sync, etc.
2. Non-Musical Curtain Acts
  - a. Number of performers: one (1) to four (4)
  - b. Time: 3 to 5 minutes
  - c. Types of acts: skits, magic, clowning, cheerleading routine, dancing, lip syncing, juggling, etc.
3. Musical Curtain Acts
  - a. Number of performers: one (1) to four (4)
  - b. Time: 3 to 5 minutes
  - c. Types of acts: instrumental (piano, flute, guitar, etc.), vocal, bands, etc.

**4-H & FFA CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENTS:** Anyone who can size up a situation, consider its different angles, and reach a sound decision about what needs to be done is usually recognized and accepted as a leader. Judging develops leadership in this way. Career Development Events (CDE or judging events) are an important part of 4-H and an effective way to train 4-H members to recognize and identify quality agricultural products and be able to answer questions or solve problems on agricultural subjects. Judging helps to teach decision making skills. 4-H members may participate as individuals or as members of a team. If you are interested, contact your leader or the Extension Office.

Contests are held for the following areas of interest: Crops, Dairy, Horticulture, Soils, Entomology, Livestock, Forestry, Meat Identification, and Dairy Foods. Further information is available in *4-H/FFA Ag Judging Handbook*, 4-H 98, obtained from the Extension Office.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:** The following verbal communication events and activities are offered to 4-H members as a way to teach presentation and public speaking skill development. They are often used in 4-H meetings, and a county 4-H youth development program may choose to offer these as competitive events. While the interactive demonstration is a non-competitive event at the Indiana State Fair, the demonstration, informative presentation, professional persuasive presentation, public speaking, and illustrated talk are competitive events. Refer to the Indiana State Fair 4-H handbook for the date, time, and location of each event. Check with your county extension educator for information about entering these events and activities.

### **INTERACTIVE DEMONSTRATION**

- Any 4-H member may participate in the Interactive Demonstration.
- This is designed for the novice person, and the topic may be related to any 4-H project. The 4-H member will provide a short demonstration of no more than three minutes that will actively engage members of the audience in a how-to-do skill development.
- Examples include but are not limited to how to use a measuring cup, how to use a ruler, how to knead dough, how to clean grooming clippers, how to crop a photo, etc.
- Props are permitted.
- Live animals and PowerPoint displays are not permitted.
- Although participants will not be judged, an adult will watch the 4-H member's interactive demonstration and

will provide feedback to the member.

- The 4-H member will continually repeat their how-to interactive demonstration for the designated time period, typically 45-60 minutes.

### **DEMONSTRATION**

- Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the Indiana State Fair demonstration contest.
- This contest allows the 4-H member to show the audience step-by-step procedures how to do something related to any project.
- Examples of a demonstration include how to take a prize-winning photograph, how to give an intramuscular antibiotic injection or shot, how to design a mini-barn blueprint, how to construct a garment, how to develop a wildlife rehabilitation plan, how to treat a cat for fleas, etc.
- Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation, signs, and other props that will enhance their presentation when giving their how-to demonstration to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting.
- If digital media will be used to enhance the presentation, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop computer. If the laptop is not equipped with a standard VGA external video connection, the contestant will need to supply an appropriate adapter. While a standard PC laptop will be available, the quality and compatibility of the digital media cannot be guaranteed as PowerPoint will be the only digital media available.
- Live animals are not permitted.
- There is no interaction with the audience.
- Junior members (grades 6-8) have 5-7 minutes to present their demonstration, while senior members (grades 9-12) will present their demonstration in 5-10 minutes.
- Questions may be asked of the contestants by the judges following the demonstration.
- Categories will be Junior Individual, Senior Individual, Junior Team, and Senior Team.
- The team category is for two (2) people and will be determined by the highest-grade level of any member of that team. If a team is awarded the State Fair Achievement Trip, only those team members who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 will be permitted to attend the trip. Those members of the winning team who are younger than 14 years of age will not be able to compete in a team demonstration in future years.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit senior individual members and top (1) blue merit senior team at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.
- A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each of these categories.

### **INFORMATIVE 4-H PRESENTATION**

- Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the Indiana State Fair informative presentation contest.
- This contest allows the 4-H member to present a topic of their choice related to a 4-H event, project, or activity to the audience.
- Examples of an informative 4-H presentation include the benefits of attending 4-H Round-Up, State 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Science Workshops, or Citizenship Washington Focus; the impact of a community service project on the 4-H members involved and their community; why a family should enroll their children in 4-H; how 4-H prepares a young person for the workforce or college, etc.
- Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation, signs, and other props that will enhance their presentation when giving it to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting. If digital media will be used to enhance the presentation, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop computer. If the laptop is not equipped with a standard VGA external video connection, the contestant will need to supply an appropriate adapter. While a standard PC laptop will be available, the quality and compatibility of the digital media cannot be guaranteed as PowerPoint will be the only digital media available.
- Live animals are not permitted.
- There is no interaction with the audience.
- Junior members (grades 6-8) have 5-7 minutes to present their informative presentation, while senior members (grades 9-12) will present their informative presentation in 5-10 minutes.
- Questions may be asked of the contestants by the judges following the informative 4-H presentation.
- Categories will be Junior Individual and Senior Individual.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit

senior individual members and top (1) blue merit senior team at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.

- A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each of the categories.

### **PROFESSIONAL PERSUASIVE PRESENTATION**

- Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the Indiana State Fair professional presentation contest.
- Contestants will be required to research a public issue in their community, collect data showing how this issue is or could affect their community, formulate a plan to address this issue, and present it in a professional manner using electronic digital media such as PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.
- Contestants are to submit three (3) sets of accompanying handouts at registration. These handouts should not just be a copy of the presentation but are to include supporting documentation (graphs, charts, photos, etc.) and will be provided to the judges.
- It is suggested that youth practice by presenting their professional presentation to service clubs, 4-H council or fair board, government officials, or other boards.
- Examples of public issues could be the lack of accessibility to trails or public parks, congested traffic locations, public health issues, impoverished neighborhoods, school drop-out rates, the size of farm machinery outgrowing the size of roads, etc.
- Members must use a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital media presentation when giving it to the audience from a stage or stage-like setting.
- Other props may be used to enhance the presentation but are not required.
- Live animals are not permitted.
- There is no interaction with the audience.
- Junior members (grades 6-8) and senior members (grades 9-12) will present their professional presentation in 5-10 minutes.
- Questions may be asked by the judges following the professional presentation.
- Categories will be Junior Individual, Senior Individual, Junior Team, and Senior Team.
- The team category is for two (2) people and will be determined by the highest-grade level of any member of that team. If a team is awarded the State Fair Achievement Trip, only those team members who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 will be permitted to attend the trip. Those members of the winning team who are younger than 14 years of age will not be able to compete in a team informative presentation in future years.
- Contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop computer. If the laptop is not equipped with a standard VGA external video connection, the contestant will need to supply an appropriate adapter. While a standard PC laptop will be available, the quality and compatibility of the digital media cannot be guaranteed as PowerPoint will be the only digital media available. A wireless internet connection will be available.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit senior individual members at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.
- A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each of the categories.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

- Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in the Indiana State Fair public speaking contest.
- This contest allows the 4-H member to give their prepared speech to an audience from a stage or stage-like setting.
- There is no interaction with the audience.
- Props, signs, and PowerPoint presentations are not permitted and the speech must be on a topic determined by the State 4-H Office.
- The topic can be of the 4-H member's choice but must be related to 4-H. Check with the county Extension Office for this year's topic.
- Junior members (grades 6-8) have 3-5 minutes to give their speech while senior members (grades 9-12) will give their speech in 5-7 minutes.
- Questions may be asked by the judges following the speech.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit senior individual members at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.
- A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each category.

## **ILLUSTRATED TALK**

- An illustrated talk is offered at the Indiana State Fair in poultry and rabbits.
- All participants must complete the Indiana State Fair Rabbit or Poultry entry form. This completed form is to be submitted to the rabbit or poultry barn office, respective to the contest, at check-in. There is no Indiana State Fair entry fee for this event.
- Categories will be Novice (grades 3-4), Junior (grades 5-6), Intermediate (grades 7-8), Senior (grades 9-10), and Master (grades 11-12).
- An illustrated talk is for any 4-H member and allows the member to present a 5-7-minute speech to the audience on a topic related to that project while using props and/or a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation.
- There is no interaction with the audience. Check with the county Extension Office or the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for a list of projects offering an illustrated talk event.
- Check the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for the time, date, and location of this event.
- Entries will be accepted through the county Purdue Extension office or on-site at the poultry or rabbit show for the respective event. Check the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for the time, location, and deadline to enter if entering on-site.
- Live animals that would be eligible to show in that project may be used in the illustrated talk.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top two (2) blue merit Masters Category rabbit members and poultry members at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.

## **PROJECT INTERACT**

Project Interact is a fun way to share what you have learned with others. The key is getting your audience involved in doing what you are doing not just showing them. An action demonstration can be on almost any topic related to your 4-H project. Here are some questions to ask yourself when choosing a topic:

- Is it something that can be given in 3-5 minutes?
- Is it something that would interest the general public?
- Is there something “hands on” for the audience to do?
- Can the supplies for the “hands on” activity be used over and over again or will they have to be replaced every time? (Note: If they have to be replaced, this will add to the cost.)

Your demonstration should last about 3-5 minutes, and you may need to do it over and over with many different people. There is no prepared speech in an action demo; it is a two-way conversation. Your goal is to involve the audience, and you can do this by having them do what you are doing, play a game, answer questions, or do a hands-on-activity. Anyone participating at the county level is eligible to participate at the State Fair. **4-H members interested in participating in this activity must let the Extension Office know before June 1st.**

## **AWARDS**

**FARM BUREAU TENURE AWARDS** (10 Year 4-H Members and Senior 4-H Members Only): Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. and Farm Bureau Insurance Companies sponsor this award to encourage 4-H members to remain active in 4-H club work. Two 4-H members per county are honored annually. Selection is based on years of membership in 4-H, number of projects taken, and 4-H achievements. These awards are presented during the county fair.

**COMPLETION PINS:** These pins are given to 4-H members upon their completion of their year's work in 4-H. Howard County Farm Bureau sponsors the completion pins. They are given out with the return of their ribbons, awards, paperwork, and books.

**ELECTRIC AWARDS:** The State 4-H Electric Program Committee furnishes several awards for 4-H electric project members each year. Financing of these awards is done jointly by the REMC's and public utilities.

**STATE FAIR ACHIEVEMENT TRIP:** Sponsored by the State Fair, this one-week trip is awarded to 36 winning contestants in 4-H activities at the State Fair. These include winners in demonstrations, judging, public speaking, fashion revue, the tractor operator's contest, and other selected projects. The trip includes visits to Williamsburg, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and Gettysburg with a stay at the National 4-H Center.

## TRIPS/WORKSHOPS

**4-H CAMP (Grades 3-6):** This fun activity is being held in June. 4-H members between grades 3 through 6 may participate in Camp Tecumseh activities including: swimming, canoeing, songs, cookouts, crafts, nature and much more. 4-H members from Howard County get a chance to meet 4-H members from other counties. Applications and health forms are available at the Extension Office. Limited space is available and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Any Junior Leader that is in grade 9 or higher may apply to be a camp counselor.

**4-H ACADEMY AT PURDUE:** These workshops are being held annually in June at Purdue University. Areas available are listed below but are subject to addition or deletion. Contact the County Extension Office for more information.

- **ANIMAL SCIENCE** (Grades 9 – 12): Learn scientific principles of Animal Sciences, increase awareness of Animal Industry issues, and learn about career opportunities in animal agriculture.
  - **Animal Bio-Science**
  - **Animal Health**
  - **Food Animal 1** (beef, dairy, sheep and goat)
  - **Food Animal 2** (swine, poultry and rabbit)
  - **Horse and Companion Animal** (horse, dog, cat, llama and zoo animals)
- **CITIZENSHIP IN 4-H: START LOCAL...GO GLOBAL!** (Grades 9-12): How do local and state governments work? How can I impact issues that are important to me? What international opportunities are available through 4-H and beyond? Learn answers to these and other questions in the 4-H Citizenship Workshop. Included will be the chance to debate in a county council format.
- **ENTREPRENEURSHIP:** Do you have a business or product idea but aren't sure how to get started? This workshop will help you make connections to introduce you to the world of entrepreneurship. Spend 3 days at Purdue interacting with world-class faculty and staff while you develop and plan the next great Indiana business!
- **FOOD SCIENCE & NUTRITION SCIENCE** (Grades 9 – 12): Learn about the science and nutrition of food from "farm the fork"! Participants will explore several aspects of food production, processing, preparation and consumption. Learn where our food comes from, how to reduce food waste, and preparation techniques for local produce.
- **HEALTHY LIVING** (Grades 9 – 12)
  - **EXPLORING HEALTH CAREERS:** Students experience field trips and hands-on activities related to nursing, emergency medical services, athletic training and more! Students will also become CPR certified!
  - **INTRO TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS):** Students become CPR certified and learn through hands-on activities: scene size-up, patient assessment, rescue techniques, scene preservation, radio procedures and tours of fire stations, emergency helicopters, and Mobile Simulation Ambulances.
- **NATURAL RESOURCE** (Grades 9 – 12): Learn about forestry and wildlife management through hands-on activities on location at the Purdue Forestry Center. Students will also learn about the many career opportunities available in the natural resources industries.
- **PLANT SCIENCE** (Grades 9 – 12): Learn about plants, insects, bioenergy and natural resources. **Note:** Subject areas will vary annually depending on instructor availability.
- **\$HOW ME THE MONEY** (Grades 9-12): Learn the essentials of financial management from the best network of financial professionals in the state. Experience a full day of **Where Does your Money Go**® adventures at vendor locations in Lafayette. Learn new tools to make your financial goals becomes a reality!
- **SPREAD THE NEWS!** (Grades 9 – 12): Do you like to be the first to share important news and information with others? Do you like to be creative and write, draw or shoot photographs? Are you interested in a career in communication or journalism? If so, this workshop might be for you. Participants will use computers and cameras to develop news stories and photos for print and social media while exploring the vast array of careers for professional communicators.
- **STEM IT UP!** (Grades 9 – 12): Learn about new and exciting STEM careers and related real-world applications. Delegates will see the role technology plays in their lives, while also exposing them to the many educational and career opportunities with fun hands-on activities and much more!
  - **Computer Science**

- **Electric**
- **Engineering**
- **Robotics**
- **The Science of Flight**

**STATE 4-H BAND (Grades 9 – 12):** Members must be at least entering grade 8. Special application forms must be completed by the 4-H member and the 4-H member's band director. Final selection is made by the State 4-H Band directors. Band members will attend an intensive workshop and perform on the last evening of the session. Contact the Extension Office for registration deadline.

**CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS (Grades 9 – 12):** Participants must be 15 years or older. This is an exciting experience for 4-H members and other youth of senior high age to go to the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring, and touring combine to provide deeper respect and understanding for our American heritage and the principles, processes, and structures of the U.S. government. The trip to Washington, D.C. will be made by Purdue charter bus. **The reservation deadline through 4HOnline is March 15.**

Young people acquire increased motivation and skills for dealing with contemporary social issues and for taking leadership in community development, government affairs and related projects when they return home. Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary issues and topics such as international affairs, human relations, government, ecology and conservations, family life and dating, community development, drama and creative expression, economics, agriculture policy, leadership, and careers.

**STATE 4-H CHORUS (Grades 9 – 12):** Special application forms must be completed by 4-H member and the 4-H member's chorus director. The chorus performs at Round Up in June and Leader's Day at the State Fair. Contact the Extension Office for registration deadline.

**4-H ROUND UP (Grades 7 – 9):** A three-day conference held annually at Purdue University in June. The program is developed to interest about 1200 4-H club members who have completed the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade by June and to inspire them to continue in 4-H work. In addition, delegates may:

- Experience in-depth "action learning" in specific interest areas.
- Develop leadership abilities and stimulate individual growth.
- Learn about educational opportunities of college life.

**TEENS AS TEACHERS CONFERENCE (Grades 9 – 12):** Teams of 3 - 5 teens travel to Bradford Woods in Martinsville, IN in February to experience 3 track options:

- **BIOTECHNOLOGY:** Enjoy Science? Like to see how things work? Thinking about a career in teaching? Then this track is for you! During this training, teens in grades 9-12 will learn how to train, create, and implement a "Science Behind Agriculture" program in their community.
- **ANIMAL BIOSECURITY:** Ever wondered why people and pigs can develop the same sickness? Did you give your pig a flu shot and wonder why? Do you just enjoy learning about science and animals? During this workshop, teams will learn how to train, create, and implement an influenza prevention program in their community.
- **HEALTHY LIVING:** Do you lead a healthy lifestyle – eat healthy, incorporate physical activity, find ways to manage stress? Do you like teaching others about a healthy lifestyle? During this training, teens in grades 9 – 12 will learn how to train, create, and implement healthy living programs in their community.

**GLOBAL GATEWAY EXPERIENCE AT HEIFER RANCH (Grades 7 – 12):** This is a chance to get to know other Indiana 4-H members while traveling to Perryville, Arkansas in April participating in team building activities and experiencing a re-creation of urban slums, bamboo huts, shanties, refugee camps, and more. During this trip, youth and adults will gain first-hand experience regarding world hunger issues. Included is an overnight simulation where participants will learn how those in limited-resource communities live. This will be an experience in which nothing (shelter, food, water, or cooking fuel) can be taken for granted. Upon returning home, participants will implement an action plan to help raise awareness of hunger issues in local communities.

**STATE JUNIOR LEADER CONFERENCE (Grades 9 – 12):** One week-long state Junior Leader Conference is held during June. The conferences are sponsored by the Indiana District of Kiwanis. The program to develop leadership, understanding of group dynamics, and an awareness of self and others is carried out with the guidance of Junior Leader Council members elected at each conference to conduct the next year's program.

**STATE FAIR HALL WORKERS:** 4-H Junior Leaders, age 14 - college, have the opportunity to work at the 4-H Exhibit Hall and the Ag-Horticulture Building before and during the Indiana State Fair. Responsibilities would include helping display and supervise exhibits. Application forms are due April 1<sup>st</sup> to State 4-H Office.

**INDIANA 4-H LEADERSHIP SUMMIT (Grades 7-12):** This annual event is designed to:

- Create an incentive program to retain youth in grades 7 through 12 in the Indiana 4-H program.
- Provide significant scholarship opportunities to 4-H members in the areas of program/activity/accomplishments.
- Provide leadership/achievement role models for young 4-H members.
- Create a focal point for the Indiana 4-H Foundation and the Indiana 4-H program.

**NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE:** Applications are available at the Extension Office. Sponsors of the trip include Indiana Extension Homemakers, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Indiana 4-H Foundation, and the State 4-H Department. Objectives of this program include to:

- Help selected youth and adults develop to their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development outside their states and at national levels.
- Assist states in the further development of a system for involving youth, counters, and professional staff in 4-H program planning in their states.
- Provide an opportunity for conference delegates to update elected and appointed government officials, national associations, donor groups, etc. on current developments in 4-H programs at national, state, and local levels.
- Provide an opportunity for inputs of youth, volunteers and professional staff into National 4-H Program Development Committee deliberations.
- Provide a system for an exchange of 4-H programming ideas among states at a national gathering of delegates from each state.

**NATIONAL JUNIOR HORTICULTURE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION:** Designed for students age 15-19 who are members of NJHA; winners in horticulture judging and demonstrations; and one each from the following areas of NJHA: production and marketing, experimental horticulture project, environmental beautification project, achievement and leadership. For classification of contestants in judging program, see State 4-H/FFA Ag Judging Handbook. This is an educational trip to the annual meeting of NJHA. Most delegates will be competing in the national contests while there. See *Program of Projects and Activities* published by NJHA.

**NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE:** 4-H members enrolled in the dairy project may be nominated. Delegates will be selected on the basis of achievement. The delegates should meet the following requirements:

- 4-H dairy members must be in grade 10 and above.
- Should have an outstanding record of 4-H accomplishments with major emphasis on dairy animal projects.
- Should have the ability to make a real contribution to the conference and be capable of bringing inspiration and information back to their home county.
- Cannot be an exhibitor in the World Dairy Expo or participant in National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.
- Will not be permitted to attend this conference more than one year.
- Must provide their own transportation to West Lafayette.
- Must stay throughout the entire conference.

**NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONGRESS:** Selection is based on the National 4-H Youth Congress Form which due May 1<sup>st</sup> and is for those in grades 9+. This event is held once a year, with the following objectives:

- To offer new and stimulating educational experiences for 4-H members;
- To motivate 4-H members to greater effort and to recognize their achievements;

- To provide opportunity for industrial, agricultural, and educational leaders to contribute cooperatively to the development of young people; and
- To focus public attention on the values of the 4-H program in developing competent, dedicated youth for service to a democratic society.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Local and state scholarships are available to 4-H members. Application forms and information sheets are in the Extension Office. Due dates for local and state scholarships are January 15<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>. Among the available scholarships are:

- *Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Year Scholarship*
- *Indiana 4-H Club Scholarship*
- *Laurenz Greene Memorial Excellence in 4-H Horticulture Scholarship*
- *Indiana 4-H Foundation Accomplishment Scholarship*
- *Howard County Extension Homemakers Scholarship*
- *Farm Bureau Scholarship*
- *Howard County 4-H Junior Leader Scholarship*
- *Paul Raver Scholarship*