

Coming up on the 4-H Calendar:

Friday, 1/12 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, Trinity Lutheran, 6 pm
Sunday, 1/14 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2 pm
Sunday, 1/14 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, Bulldog Park, 5 pm
Monday, 1/15 Extension Office Closed
Monday, 1/15 Meats Judging Team Practice, Range Line Church, Hebron, 6 pm
Tuesday, 1/16 Volunteer Development: "Making Club Meetings Matter", 6:30 pm
Wednesday, 1/18 registration due for the 4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet
Wednesday, 1/18 Meats Judging Team Practice, Range Line Church, Hebron, 6 pm
Friday, 1/19 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club, Community Baptist Church, 6 pm
Saturday, 1/20 Meats Judging Team Practice, Range Line Church, Hebron, 10 am
Sunday, 1/21 Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club, Lowell VFW, 4 pm
Saturday, 1/27 4-H Livestock Field Trip to Fair Oaks

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html>. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.

Announcements:

What makes a good club meeting? How can we make ours better? 4-H Volunteers, please join us next Tuesday to share ideas on "Making Club Meetings Matter" (detailed attached).

The 4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet is coming up soon! Registration is due January 18. Don't forget your entry for the Dessert Contest- and please be sure to follow our Food Safety policy as described on page 52 of the 4-H Handbook. Also, the Junior Leaders will be collecting donations of new hats and gloves for children in Northwest Indiana. Please see attached flyer from Caroline Donaldson.

Lots of exciting new workshops being planned for this spring! Volunteers, please remember to use the "Scheduling a 4-H Event" form when planning a county-level 4-H event.

Please see the attached 4-H Poultry Workshop on 2/17 in Bartholomew County. This event is open to all youth in the state. Contact Matt John- mjohn2@ivytech.com for questions.

LaPorte County 4-H invites members to a Rabbit Ambassador Workshop, January 20, 10 am-2 pm, at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Participants will work at interactive and hands-on stations throughout the day, preparing for the American Rabbit Breeding Association Convention in Louisville, October 2024. Register in 4-H Online. Contact Mindy Heidel at mjheidel@gmail.com for more information.

Reminder for all Club Leaders: Annual club reports are due January 31. Forms were emailed to you and are also available on the Indiana 4-H Club Resources Page <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html>.

The following clubs are scheduled for audit this year:

Crown Clovers

Griffith Gridders

JUBILANT

Junior Leaders

Prime Beefmakers

RFFF

The Seekers

Those clubs will also need to turn in the following: a minimum of 1 year of bank statements from all unit/club accounts (checking and/or savings), checkbook and/or savings registers, written list of receipts and expenses, actual copies of receipts, treasurer's reports, and a list of tangible assets belonging to the unit/club.

New Opportunity: Competitions will be held April 6 at Purdue University. Volunteers are needed to coach teams for Consumer Decision-Making (grades 9-12) and/or Kitchen Skillathon (grades 6-8). Teams can be made of 3-4 youth. See details attached. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in learning more!

Fair Oaks – Date Change

Due to predicted inclement weather, Fair Oaks 4-H Livestock Trip has been postponed to Saturday, January 27th at 10 am. Please stay warm and safe!

Indiana Dairy Goat Association Youth Rep. Competition. Please see attached flier for details. The contest winner will be awarded \$300 and runner-up \$150.

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