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Thoughts from the 4-H Team

I PLEDGE

my **HEAD**
to clearer thinking,
my **HEART**
to greater loyalty,
my **HANDS**
to larger services,
and
my **HEALTH**
to better living,
for my club,
my community,
my country
and my world.

It's Fair Time!

As summer ascends and rains from spring bring us beautiful arrays of plants and flowers surrounding the Extension Office, I wait with great anticipation for the Allen County Fair. For some 4-H Members it is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work, dedication with love and respect for their animals and for others, it's an opportunity to display their interest, passion and originality they developed as they present their projects, posters and essays.

It is an exciting time for 4-H, as it spotlights the amazing achievements of our youth and brings to light the important role our leaders and volunteers play in helping to "Make the Best, Better".

I hope to see you all at the Fair!

Gary Jones

4-H Youth Educator

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Project Information



EXHIBIT HALL PROJECT CHECK IN PROCESS

Static projects (except foods, see next page) need to be checked at the Exhibit Hall on Friday June 19th 3-6pm or Saturday June 20th 9am-noon,

Consumer Clothing/Fashion Revue check-in and judging is Friday June 19th (see pg 3 for sign up sheet and info)

Reminders:

- We will post on socials and send emails to everyone when project tags are available to be picked up! You are welcome to pick them up from the office when ready during business hours (8 am to 4:30 pm) Any tags not picked up will be available at Exhibit Hall during check in dates and times.
- ALL posters need to be in a poster sleeve with a hard/stiff backing so they are able to stand up on the displays. Poster sleeves are available for purchase at the office for \$2 cash or check.
- When you get to the exhibit hall, you will be checked in at the doors and asked to take your project to appropriate project category and place it on the table. A volunteer or staff member will arrange the projects for you.
- Some projects require a **craft information card or technique card** to be included with the project. For example: All Arts & Crafts, Sewing, Electric and Woodworking. They can be found on our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html> under the subject rule. Or you can call or email the office and we will send you one. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

Static Project Judging Expectations

Judging will begin promptly at 12:30pm. Adults who are not serving as judges assistants will be asked to step outside the building at 12:00; however, please remain on the fairgrounds until your child leaves the building.

Exceptions will be made for Mini's: Parents are permitted to stay during judging, if needed. Please use your own discretion.

Participants are encouraged to bring a quiet activity to help pass the time while they wait for their turn with the judge if they wish to stay inside.

Once your project has been judged, youth may leave the building to rejoin families outside.

After all judging commences, Exhibit Hall doors will reopen but projects/ribbons do not leave the building until June 28th @ 6pm.

Thank you for your cooperation— we look forward to a great 2026 Fair!



Project Information



Creative Writing Communications Projects

Due June 8th to the Extension Office

Consumer Clothing-Fashion Revue/Sewing Revue

Consumer Clothing manuals will be judged separate from Fashion Revue.

Manuals need to be turned into the Extension Office by June 15th. Fashion Revue will be held on June 19th, Judging starts at 6:30pm at the Allen County Fair Grounds. You will have a chance to show off your fashion flair by modeling your outfit or garment.

To register for this event, you will need to sign up for a time by clicking: <https://bit.ly/426WpWt>. Times will be assigned on a first come basis. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.



Project Release

Exhibit Building Projects : Sunday, June 28: 6 – 8 pm

Non Auction Animals: Sunday, June 28: 6 - 9:30 pm

Auction animals will stay on the grounds and be released after the auction on Monday

*Remember all projects are expected to stay until the release day and time. Families are expected to pick up their projects Sunday. If you cannot make it, please have a friend or family member grab them.

STATE FAIR SELECTED PROJECTS

Projects will be selected during county judging to have the opportunity to go to state fair. If you would like us to take your project to the state fair, please drop them off to the extension office between **July 27th-31st, 8am-4:30pm**. We cannot accommodate large, heavy, or very fragile exhibits, we will ask you to transport these yourself. Make sure to properly secure project in box, or container, etc. for transport. All projects (except food and garden) are due **August 3rd** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

FOOD AND GARDEN PROJECTS, the vehicle will be leaving the extension office **August 10th at 8:30am**. Canned, frozen, and preserved items can be dropped off **August 6th & 7th, 8am-4:30pm**. Fresh products may be dropped off **August 10th, 7:30-8:30am**. Garden projects need category placing information included. All garden and food items are due **August 10th** at the Indiana State fairgrounds. (If your item(s) require a cooler and/or dry ice, please provide it)



Project Information



Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream

Grades 3-12, no Mini category

Check-In: Friday, June 19th @ 5pm, Judging starts @ 6pm

Where: Home and Family Arts Building

Please ensure ALL food projects have a recipe card attached. These can be found on Allen County's website under the foods tab. If you need one emailed to you please send a request to support staff or stop by the office.

Foods Project Judging Expectations

Judging will begin promptly at 6pm. Adults who are not serving as judges assistants will be asked to step outside the building; however, please remain on the fairgrounds during judging.

Participants are encouraged to bring a quiet activity to help pass the time while they wait for their turn with the judge if they wish to stay inside.

Once a project has been judged, youth may leave and return later to pick up their dish or remain seated quietly inside the building.

All projects will be released once judging has concluded. Projects not picked up by the end of clean up will be thrown away.

Thank you for your cooperation— we look forward to a great 2026 Fair!

4-H Dog Project:

- **Agility Show** will be June 5th @ 6pm
Registration @ 5:30pm
- **Obedience & Showmanship Show** will be June 6th
@ 9am, Registration @ 8:30am

Awards to Follow each Show Both Shows will be held in the Home Loan Bank Building @ Fairgrounds.

Dog Posters will be checked in with all exhibit hall projects on June 19th & 20th (see schedule)

Pet Rabbit and Cat:

Project Posters will be checked in with all exhibit hall projects on June 19th & 20th (see schedule)

Live Show will be Wednesday June 24th @ 8:30am (cat) and 10am (rabbit) in Show Barn.

Cat Vaccination Forms Due to the Extension office by June 8th.

Cat Costume Class theme is your favorite Pixar Character!!!





2026 Rules Book Info

Scrapbooking

If you are exhibiting a scrapbooking project this year, please make sure to follow the guidelines located in the 2026 Rules Book. There are no exceptions to these guidelines. Please bring only the new pages in a 3 ring binder.

If you have any questions, please call 260-481-6440.

Description: This creative project provides youth with opportunities to learn how to scrapbook. It allows youth to preserve their memories and those of their family in an organized and creative way. Youth will design and make several pages for display each year.

State Fair Entries: No State Fair Exhibit.

Exhibit Guidelines: There are two options for Scrapbooking: Traditional (hard copy scrapbook pages) & Digital (printed version of online scrapbook pages). You may submit a maximum of 3 exhibits per category. Both options will be judged together.

Beginner (grades 3-5) Display two (2) pages. A page is defined as front and back.

Intermediate (grades 6-8) Display four (4) pages. A page is defined as front and back.

Advanced (grades 9-12) Display six (6) pages. A page is defined as front and back.

Sewing project has a SKILLS and TECHNIQUES UPDATE that will effect judging. IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SEWING PROJECT PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THIS REQUIREMENT.

There have been State updates to livestock projects this year. Please check with your livestock committee leader or club leaders for clarification. Don't forget your craft, recipe, and sewing cards when you are putting your projects together. All required documents should be listed under the appropriate project on the website.



Follow us on Facebook where we share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

Allen County Indiana 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H>

Have photos to share ? We would love to see them! Please feel free to email allences@purdue.edu with your favorites!

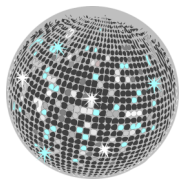


4-H FUN NIGHT

This year's 4-H Fun Night will be hosted by the Junior Leaders on Saturday, June 27 at 8:00pm in the Show Barn. The night will start with Minute-to-Win-it games, followed by the 4-H Dance.



Teams of 8 4-H members can compete in the Minute-to-Win-it games, Registration will be required and capped at 8 full teams. Teams of less than 8 may be combined with other teams. Please bring an entry fee of \$10/team to cover supplies the night of the event. REGISTER HERE: <https://minute2winit2026.4honline.com>



4-H Dance following the Fun Night until 11pm

Jr Leaders will be holding the 4-H dance this year following the fun night in the show barn. Bring your dancing shoes and your friends and show off your moves!!



Fair Entry Deadline - June 8th

All projects being taken to Fair need to be entered into Fair Entry by JUNE 8th!! Fair Entry is a RSVP for a class, pen, poster rack or table spot for your project. We need to know how many spaces to reserve and what project labels we need to print. Fair Entry is to be completed by all in grades K-12. Having all your projects entered ahead of time will make the check-in process stress free.

Visit puext.in/allen4H under the Family Resources tab for detailed Fair Entry instructions.

Blue Sheets-What are they and why are they important?

Have you ever wondered how we determine the top and honor achievers? We track points for every project you complete, including some activities and community services. (DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE BACK PAGE) Every year, it is your responsibility to fill out a blue sheet and turn it in to the office. These sheets are provided for you in the Exhibit Hall all week during fair, stop by the 4-H Office and get one. Please turn it in to the office by September 1st to be entered, mailing it is ok. (look in the back of the rulebook or website for more information)



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



June 2,	7pm	4-H Board Meeting
June 3-5		Epworth Forest Camp
June 7,		4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd (Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-30pm)
June 8,		FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE
June 10-12		4-H Round-Up & Academy
June 23-28		Allen County Adult Open Class Exhibit @Home & Family Arts Bldg-FG. Sponsored by Allen Co Ext Homemakers Assoc

SEE IMPORTANT FAIR DATES PAGE, IMPORTANT MEETINGS, CLUBS

SAVE THE DATE!!

**Annual 4-H Enrollment Kick-off
October 18, 2026!**

Join us to enroll as a member or volunteer, meet club and livestock leaders, explore 4-H projects, see some animals, play games and win prizes!

Nelson's Chicken will be available by presale and day of event.

Club and committee leaders, contact Stephenie to reserve a table!

Watch for more information after the fair!



We Have Poster Sleeves!!

22x28 poster sleeves are only 2\$ We have 16x20 salon size too! Stop by the office during our business hours 8am-4:30pm
Monday –Friday



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HELP WANTED!!



Click the links to sign up!!

Exhibit Hall Set Up & Tear Down -June 16th & 28th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAAB2DA1F9C34-63171647-exhibit>

DONUTS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!!

Judges Assistants -June 19th & 20th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAAB2DA1F9C34-63183083-foods>

4-H Food Booth - June 20th—June 29th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044FAFAD2DA64-63372796-4hfood>

Shuttle Ride Sign-Up

Tuesday June 23rd thru Saturday
June 27th, 2Hr Shifts, Noon to
10pm, No back-to-back shifts

Drivers must be at least 18 years
old. Contact Rick Slayback to sign
up for a shift: 260-437-0870

GUARDIANS OF THE PROJECTS NEEDED!!

Attention Club Leaders: In order to keep everyone's projects safe and sound in the Exhibit Hall during the fair, we are inviting all clubs to take turns watching over each others projects. The need is 4:30pm-9pm June 23rd-27th. This is to ensure no one breaks, plays with or moves any of the projects or ribbons.

Please use the link: <https://bit.ly/3QTiUvw> to sign up for the day that works best for you and your club.

2026 4-H Fair Important Dates

Friday June 5th

Dog Agility & Showmanship Show, 6-9pm HLB
Registration 5:30pm, Awards to follow

Saturday June 6th

Dog Obedience Show 9am-3pm HLB
Registration 8:30am, Awards to follow

Monday June 8th

Creative Writing and Consumer Clothing
Manuals Project Due June 8th by 4:30pm to the
Ext Office

Friday June 19

Foods, Micro, Ice Cream Judging (closed judging)
6pm, HFA
Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging
(closed judging), 5-7pm EB
Static Project drop off 3-6pm EB

Saturday June 20th

Static Project Drop off 9am-11:30am EB
4-H Project Judging (closed judging) 12:30 pm,
EB
Top and Honor Achievers and 10 Year Member
Reception 6 pm, TBD

Tuesday June 23

Swine Entry 6am-9am
Llama Entry, 8am-11am, LA
Rabbit Show 9am-12:30pm SB
English-Horse 11am
Commercial & Exhibition Poultry Show 3-6:30pm
SB

Wednesday June 24

Cat Show 9am SB
Pet Rabbit Show 10am-11am SB
Horse Showmanship & Versatility 11am
Dairy Show 12 pm SB

Meat Goat 5 pm SB
Llama Minipalooza 6pm-8pm LA

Thursday June 25

Llama Showmanship 9am-12pm SB
Sheep Show 12:30pm -2pm SB
Mini Horse Classes 10am
Llama Judging Contest 1pm LA
Horse Speed Contesting 3pm
Dairy Beef Show 4pm-9pm SB

Friday June 26

Dairy Goat 9am-3pm SB
Llama performance Class 9am-5pm LA
Beef Show 7pm-8:30 pm SB

Saturday June 27

Swine Show 9am-1:30pm SB
Horse & Pony Awards and Ceremony 11am
Horse Fun Classes 12pm
Llama Fun Show 6pm-8pm SB
Fun Night and Dance 8pm-10pm SB

Sunday June 28

Swine Market Show 9am-11:30 am SB
Showman of Showmen 12pm-3pm Horse Arena/
Show Barn
Auction Set up 4pm-5pm SB
Project Awards 5pm SB
Non auction livestock/project release 6pm

Monday June 29

Livestock Auction Registration 10:30am SB
Livestock Luncheon 11am-1pm EB
Livestock Auction 12:30pm

***ALSO REFER TO FAIR GUIDELINES FOR LIVESTOCK**

****Dates and times are subject to change
randomly and without notice**

Livestock Workshops & Club Meetings

Club Meetings

Maumee Go Getters Meeting @ 5333 Thimlar Rd New Haven, meets 2nd Tues of each month 7-8pm, (NO MTG JULY & AUG) 6/9, 9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8

Perry Boosters Club Meeting @ FG, 6:30-8pm, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 (tentative) 11/19, 12/17

Marion BG's Club Meeting 6/11 @ Hoagland Pavilion 6:30

Aboite Homesteaders Club Meeting 6/13 9-10:30a @ FG Workday, 6/23 3-7 Food Booth/Exhibit Bldg @ FG, 6/28 4p @ FG Celebration Pavilion for award ceremony

Allen County Dog Club, meets every Monday, March 2nd—June 1 (except May 25th) 6:15-7:15 Obedience/Showmanship- 7:30-8:30 Intro to agility/open time

Horse & Pony Outdoor Practice Meeting @ FG, every Thursday April 30th--June 18th and Wed, June 17th @ 6:30-8:30p

Livestock Meetings

Horse & Pony Club Leader Meeting @ Ext Office 7-9, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

Three Rivers Rabbit Raisers Meeting 6:30-8, 6/4@FG

****SEE LIVESTOCK GUIDELINES AT THE BACK OF NEWSLETTER FOR IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK INFO****

****ALL MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

MARCH 31

APRIL 28

MAY 26

AUGUST 25

SEPTEMBER 29

OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER TBD



MEETING DATES

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM AT THE ALLEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.

ANY CHANGES TO LOCATION OR TIME WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHEYANNE GEIDEMAN AT CGEIDEMA@PURDUE.EDU



INDIANA
STATE FAIR

**August
7th-23rd**

2026 Allen County Queen's Court



Miss Allen County 2026-Jorja DeBolt

Miss Congeniality -Sarah Kuhn

People's Choice -Holly Howard

1st Runner Up-Calé Sanders

2nd Runner Up-Stephanie Onion

3rd Runner Up-Mallory Schaefer

4th Runner Up-Holly Howard

**CONGRATULATIONS
LADIES!!**



2026 INDIANA 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Congratulations to our 4'Her

Holly Howard and Rachel
Griffiths, Kate Griffiths and Mary
Griffiths from Noble County!!

FAIR GUIDELINES FOR LIVESTOCK 2026

Checking in your animal:

- Check-in at East gate
- Cattle, goats, sheep and swine will have a wellness/compliance check **BEFORE** entering the grounds. Please enter at the Main Entrance to the Fairgrounds, drive past the McComb Administration Building and form a line to be checked in.
- Horses, Llamas, poultry and rabbits will go straight to their barn to be checked in.
 - * Only healthy animals will be allowed to be stalled or penned. **Do not bring sick animals to fair!** We do not want to spread illness.
- Swine will have a temperature check outside at the gate prior to unloading.
- Stall/pen assignments will be made at the discretion of the livestock committees. Priority will be given to ensure we have adequate space for animals rather than tack.

We could use your help setting up the livestock barns.

Here is the schedule for all species:

If you have questions, please reach out to your committee leaders

Horse	Continuous (contact your leaders)	
Cattle Barn– Beef/Dairy/Dairy Beef	Saturday, June 20	9:00 am
Small animal barn – Poultry	Saturday, June 20	9:00 am
Small animal barn - Rabbits	Saturday, June 20	1:00 pm
Small animal barn - Goat	Sunday, June 21	2:00 pm
Sheep	Thursday, June 18	4:30 pm
Swine	Thursday, June 18	5:00 pm
Llama	Sunday, June 21	5:00 pm
Show Barn	Friday - Monday	As needed

Check in!

Bring your animals and equipment during the times listed below for each species.

Rabbits	Monday, June 22	4:00-7:00 pm
Horses	Monday, June 22	12:00-9:00 pm
All Goats and Sheep	Monday, June 22	5:00-9:00 pm
Beef, Dairy Beef, and Dairy Heifers	Monday, June 22	5:00–9:00 pm
Poultry	Monday, June 22	6:00-9:00 pm
Llama	Monday, June 22	9:00-11:00 am

Swine	Tuesday, June 23	6:00-9:00 am
Dairy Cows ONLY	Wednesday, June 24	Enter Before Show and Leave after Show

Animal Medications -

Reminder that if you are selling your animals be sure that the animals are “DRUG FREE”. Animals that have been fed medicated feed or given medical injections should not be sold if the drug withdrawal time is beyond June 24th. Be a smart food producer and sell a “clean product” that you would want to eat. If during the course of the County Fair, one of your animals requires medication, then you will need to contact a member of your 4-H Livestock Executive Committee for approval. An additional paper will also need to be completed before you treat the animal. Those forms will be available at the Livestock Fair Office.

Weigh In Schedule -

Members should bring animals that need to be weighed to the scales at the assigned times.

It your responsibility to bring your animals to the scales.

Monday, June 22	All Beef	5:00-6:30 PM
Monday, June 22	All Dairy Beef	6:30 – 9:00 PM
Monday June 22	Sheep	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, June 22	Dairy Goat & Meat Goat Weathers	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Monday, June 22	Advanced Pack Goats & All Milk Production Does	6:00 – 8:00 PM
Tuesday, June 23	Swine	6:00 – 9:00 AM

First bedding is provided for poultry and rabbits. Everyone else is expected to bring bedding for their animals. Appropriate bedding generally is wood shavings or straw. Shavings bags either need to be placed in designated areas or directly into the trash dumpsters – **NOT the TRASH BARRELS**. **For Swine – ONLY shavings are allowed for bedding.**

Pen fees should be paid to each livestock committee at time of check in or weigh in.

- Beef, Dairy Beef and Sheep collected their pen fee at the spring weigh in.
- Dairy - \$3.00/head – heifers only
- Goats - \$5.00/pen with \$20 deposit that will be returned after you clean up after fair
- Horse exhibitors will be expected to pay a refundable \$20.00 deposit for their stall, which will be returned if/when your stall is cleaned after Sunday, June 28
- Poultry \$3.00/pen plus \$2 testing fee for birds over a year old
- Rabbit - \$2.00 PER Animal.
- Sheep- check with committee
- Swine Tag Fee – check with your committee members to see if there is a scan fee

MANURE MANAGEMENT: Please dump your animals manure all the way to the back of the cement manure pit. Do NOT leave it by the entrance. Paper trash into the dumpsters. Thank you.

ANIMAL LIABILITY: Reminder that owners of any animals at the Fair are responsible for any/all damages that the animal may cause to other animals, fair visitors or buildings. Take extreme caution when moving or working with your animals at all times. Make sure that they are

properly fed, watered, exercised, and have clean stalls.

FAIR ENTRY/PARKING: Remember that you can enter and leave the gated area of the fairgrounds only through the EAST GATE. Starting Tuesday, June 23, vehicles inside the gate between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM MUST have a Fairgrounds Hang Tag displayed in the front windshield. If you come earlier in the morning just to feed and check on your animals, be sure to have your vehicle outside the gate by 8:00 AM if you don't have a hang tag. Each passenger and driver must also have a ticket/pass – the hang tag is NOT a pass for the person.

Passes for 4-H members that allow the members to enter any gate of the fair should be picked up on Friday, June 19, Saturday, June 20, 10 am to 2 pm, or Sunday June 21st 1-3 pm in the Exhibit Hall. APPROVED 4-H Adult Volunteer passes will also be available at that same location and will cost \$5.00. Both passes are wristbands!

- **NO PETS** – Reminder that during the official fair dates – non-exhibit animals or pets are not permitted on the fairgrounds.
- **Campers** - Tags will be available from the FAIRGROUNDS at the same time 4-H member passes are distributed, or in the Fairgrounds Administration Office. Contact Miranda at the Fairgrounds Office – 449-4444 – to reserve your spot. Only one (1) vehicle with a hang tag is permitted for each camper slot. There are no electric spots.

EXERCISE/WALKING Your Animals

As many of the animals you bring to the fair may not be familiar with the smaller pens at the fair, it is encouraged that you find time to “exercise” or walk your pigs, sheep, cattle, llamas, goats, and horses during the week of the fair. CAUTION should be the key as you do so. Animals should only be exercised during times when there are not major shows going on. You must keep your animal under control AT ALL TIMES as the general public often is unaware how to act/behave around these animals. The designated areas include the grass area between the Show Barn and the Lions Cattle Barn – and the field next to the cattle tie-outs – staying away from the llama tent as much as possible. Also, stay away from the south end of the horse arena. Times to do this are between 6-11 a.m. and between 10-11 p.m. The Show Barn can also be used, provided that there is not a show being set up for or going on. Llamas are the only specie that can use the Show barn on Wednesday morning 6:30-8:30 am. Take extreme caution moving the animals when there are lots of general public in the aisles or around the barns. Remember also that your animals may not be used to the other types of animals that will be at the fair. Be Polite. **DO NOT EXERCISE YOUR ANIMALS NEAR A SHOW RING WHILE ANOTHER SHOW IS GOING ON. This includes the Horse Arena, Llama Arena and Show Barn.** If your animal makes a mess please clean up after them!

Swine Exercise Run: Keep in mind that pigs should NOT be in that area during ANY CATTLE, SHEEP, GOAT or LLAMA Shows – as this may cause those animals to become scared resulting in them getting loose with possibility of injury to handlers and spectators.

UNDER NO circumstances take an animal up to or near any of the food vendor areas, including the 4-H Food Booth outside of the Show Barn.

Additional Information for your Specie

SHOW ATTIRE for everyone:

Show attire is long pants, closed heel and toe shoes, tucked in shirt with capped sleeve. See specific species for additional expectations. This might change depending on the show, so please check in with your leaders. Volunteers working livestock shows should comply with 4-H's show attire as per rules book.

Exhibitor Back Numbers

For exhibitors of all cattle, goats, pigs and sheep, we will use back numbers that are assigned to each exhibitor. A general listing of these will be provided with the show bills. You will get ONE number that will need to be worn for any and all of these shows that you participate in. These numbers will be available for you to pick up in the Livestock Office of the cattle barn starting June,23 2026.

SWINE EXHIBITORS

- Remember this year: All swine will have their temperature checked before they are allowed on the Fairgrounds as per BOAH recommendations.
- See page 15 for information on penning procedures that will be followed this year.
- Hair – Animals going through the Auction or on the market truck will be required to have at least ½ inch of hair per the markets. This is being required to assist with the processing of these animals. When loaded, pigs should not have any other residue on their skin – oil or other products.
- Note there will be NO Parking beside the Swine/Sheep Barn.
- Carcass Scan will be done at weigh in.
All pigs that come across the scales that do NOT already have an 840 RFID ear tag in their ear – will be tagged with an 840 RFID tag. Ear tag fee is \$4.00 per tag.

RABBIT EXHIBITORS

Note that there will be a meeting for ALL Rabbit Exhibitors at 9:30 AM prior to the Show, Tuesday, June 23. It will be held in the Show Barn.

POULTRY EXHIBITORS

- Please help set up the Poultry Barn on Saturday, June 20 at 9 am. (we will email you if this changes)
- Water and feed cups will be provided for bird cages. All other animals will need their own feed and water containers.
- Show Attire - All participants are asked to wear appropriate clothing, ie: no printed or torn T-shirts. Polo or button-up shirts are desired and slacks or jeans for the show judging to show respect to the judge. Also participants will be asked to remove the birds from the cage with the judge watching if the judge so desires. If for some reason you cannot be there to show your birds please let one of the committee know ahead of time.

CATTLE

- Be sure to check with the Livestock Executive Committees on where you may relocate your trailer if you are leaving it on the grounds during the County Fair.

Celebration Pavilion

Time has been set aside for your project/group to have a party at the fair. The Pavilion is located between the 4-H Food Booth and Small Animal Barn. Watch more announcements posted in your exhibit area and talk to your leaders for more information.

Rabbits	Tuesday, June 23	12:00 pm
Poultry	Tuesday, June 23	6:00 pm
Sheep	Thursday, June 25	7:00 pm
Swine	Friday, June 26	11:00 am—2:00 pm
Goats	Friday, June 26	2:00-4:00 pm
Dairy	Saturday, June 27	6:00 pm
Beef/Dairy Beef	Saturday, June 27	6:00 pm

GUIDELINES FOR ALLOCATION OF EXTRA SWINE PENS

Each 4-H swine member bringing pigs to the county fair will have the opportunity to participate in a random drawing to receive an extra pen. Each 4-Her was asked on the swine activity sheet if they would like to participate in the random drawing for unused pens. Each 4-H'er is requested to attend the barn set-up and will be asked to fill out a card confirming the number of pens needed and requesting or declining participation in the random drawing. Following the barn set-up, a phone call will be made by the Swine Committee to any family that did not attend the barn set-up. This call will be confirming the number of pens needed and the 4-Her's request for an extra pen. Drawing for extra animal pens will be done at set up.

There will be two (2) community tack pens per row (a row consists of 18 pens). This will be a total of 16 community tack pens, the same as we have had in the past. The few pens that will be held back for error and the pens at the east end of the barn used for weigh-in will become available later that day, if needed.

ALL 4-H member names, that requested participation in the drawing, will be placed in a box and drawn out according to the number of extra pens available. After the initial drawing, if pens are still available, a second drawing will take place. Results of the drawing and availability to use an extra pen will be announced on Monday evening. It is "STRONGLY" encouraged that the extra pen be utilized for pigs, rather than tack.

If, after check-in is complete, there are still extra pens available, they will be used as additional community tack pens. Extra pens should be utilized by immediate family members. Also, extra pens should be in use for the entire week of the fair and not sit empty.

***Members will be expected to pay the annual pen fee for any additional pens allotted.**

4-H Board Member on Duty:

There will always be a 4-H Board Member on duty during fair. On Saturday and Sunday June 20 and 21 someone will be there, 10 am -6 pm. Monday, June 22, beginning at 10 am. Tuesday, June 23 through Sunday June 28 there will be a board member present 24 hours. The schedule of who is on duty will be posted in the livestock office. Each committee is responsible for watching their barn/animals overnight or designate an emergency contact to be listed in the livestock office. Committee members must shut their barns down each night if possible.

Overnight stays!!

There will be no overnight stays in barns. If you choose to check on your animals during the night, do so at your own risk. We are under the assumption that you are camping on the grounds.

STATE FAIR ENTRIES:

If you are planning to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair, your entry online is due July 1. Please check the Indiana State Fair Registration for correct due dates and procedures. Following the Livestock Auction at the County Fair, the Extension Educator will indicate which animals sold through the auction or were consigned in the 4honline/Fair Entry system (for beef, dairy, goat, sheep, and swine) If you are showing at the state fair, you will need an animal affidavit form for EACH Market and Breeding animal for Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Goat, Boer Goat and Meat Goats. Please note that if you did not turn in a DNA envelope, you cannot participate in state fair. The entry books can be found here: [entry books](#)

Animal Release:

Animals will be released to leave the fairgrounds on Sunday, June 28 unless they are being sold in the 4-H Livestock Auction or consigned to the market. Non-Auction animals will be released after 6:00 PM on Sunday and are expected to go home before 9 pm that day. Auction animals will remain on the grounds. Please make sure that auction animals have ample food and water for the next day. As a reminder, all projects are expected to remain on the fairgrounds until the release date. Early removal will result in the loss of awards and inability to be judged.

Tags:

As a reminder, if a tag falls out or is ripped out please contact Gary and your committee members/leaders. A committee member will have to be present to retag the animal and Gary will have to change the numbers on 4-H online. This is especially important to report if you are taking your animal to the state fair!!! The tag number will have to match what they have in their system!

QLC/YQCA:

If you are showing an animal (except llama and horse) please ensure this is done. If you have not emailed Gary a certificate, you will be getting an email! The training is link here: [training](#)

LIVESTOCK AUCTION INFORMATION

The Allen County 4-H Livestock Auction is Monday, June 29 starting at 12:30 PM. Remember you are allowed to sell through the auction ring a maximum of two projects (animals). The complete rule is on page 16 of the 2026 Allen County 4-H Rules Book.

The sale order for 2026 is – Rabbits – Beef -Dairy Milk, Dairy Goat Milk - Goats-
Sheep – Dairy Beef – Poultry - Swine

Reminder that we will only be selling/auctioning the PREMIUM for your animal. Those animals with an established market price – *[includes all but milk – rabbit – poultry]* – will receive their Premium announced at the sale PLUS their Market price support. Buyers planning to keep their market supported animals will be expected to pay both the market support and the premium that they agreed to in the ring.

Fair Week

Members will draw numbers within each specie to determine auction order with the exception of Champion animals which will be sold first. Remember to indicate to the Livestock Committee which animal you intend to sell immediately following your show. **It is your responsibility within 1 hour of completion of the show, to inform your livestock committee chairs if you intend to put your animal in the livestock sale or consign to market.** Animals not designated within one hour of completion of show will be expected to be taken home. We sell the animals by the head not by the pound. ****NOTE: Selling Dairy Milk/Dairy Product OR Goat Milk/Goat Milk Product will make that animal NOT eligible to advance to the Indiana State Fair.****

Auction Day:

Be on time and in line when your animal is to be sold. Each barn will have a list of the auction order posted. When selling your animal remember your showmanship skills as this is the last time to show your animal. You should be well dressed to present and show your animal even though you are only in the ring for a few minutes. Always be alert and cheerful.

In an effort to keep the auction moving, the committee would like to limit the messages read by the announcer. If you need a message read, please keep it brief. For example - will dress and deliver or will provide a chicken dinner. Write the message clearly on a piece of paper and include your name, specie and your auction number. The committee reserves the right to edit.

The committee has purchased Thank You cards for you to send to your buyer(s). They will be available at the back table the day of the auction. You may also request a listing of your buyers names and addresses AFTER your last sale. This will allow you to send Thank You Notes more speedily.

After the Auction:

Auction checks will be mailed approximately 45 days after the sale after the finances balance and all those youth buyers have paid. The check will be for all animals you sell either through the auction or consigned to market. Please cash your checks promptly. A \$20.00 auction fee per animal and check-off fees will be deducted from your check. Note: Auction checks will NOT be issued to the 4-H member until full payment is collected from their buyer(s).

Poultry and Rabbit sellers must honor the wishes of the buyer as to where they want their purchase dressed and delivered to. Please contact your buyer ASAP to arrange delivery.

You are expected to write each buyer a Thank You. Thank you notes do not need to be long and should be handwritten. The first sentence should express your appreciation and explain why you are thanking them. The next sentence should tell a little bit about your project or describe how you will use the money. The final sentence should confirm your gratitude.

General Info:

The Appreciation Meal is ONLY for registered bidders – not sellers – who register for the 2026 Livestock Auction. Also, please do not solicit bids from buyers as they are enjoying the Buyer Appreciation Meal.

Contact the Livestock Auction Committee if you have questions: Randy Lewis, 438-5382 or Sharon Clark 260-710-0503

Remember selling in the Livestock Auction is a privilege.

June 2026

On behalf of the Allen County Fairgrounds, we would like to provide all 4-H families with the following updates and announcements leading up to the Allen County Fair.

Tickets, Hangtags, & More

Youth 4-Hers will get a wristband rather than a paper pass that will be worn for the duration of the Allen County Fair. This will aid gate volunteers and help with lost passes. In the unlikely event a wristband is torn, a replacement can be obtained at the Fair Office in the Home & Family Arts Building. Reminder, all youth 4-H passes are donated by the Allen County Fairgrounds, and there is no cost to the Allen County 4-H program.

For those looking for gate admission tickets, they can be purchased in advance online. This will include the main gate, daily admission, as well as tickets to key pull strip events like the rodeo, monster truck show, and demolition derby. Find online tickets: <https://www.allencountyfairgrounds.in.com/online-tickets>

Please see attached flyer for additional pricing information and the availability of pre-sale and weekly pass options for the 2026 Allen County Fair.

Events

We encourage you to check out TheAllenCountyFair.com for a full schedule of events. The fair committee has worked hard to bring some new family-friendly events, and the Free Activities Tent is packed with more entertainment than ever. We are also adding events throughout the week in the Home & Family Arts Building. Here are some events with crowd participation and some even have prize money attached!

- Tuesday: Cookie Staking and Cereal Eating
- Wednesday: Pedal Car Races
- Thursday: Pizza Eating, Outhouse Races, Pot Belly Pig Races
- Friday: Kiddie Tractor Pull, Farmer Olympics, KOI Drag Races
- Saturday: Watermelon Eating

Camping

For those camping during the Allen County Fair, we are unable to provide electricity again this year. There will be no restricted hours for using generators. The board will be looking for solutions in the future. At this we are looking at investing in fixing the remaining parking lots and updating electrical. Reach out to Miranda at 260-449-4444 or miranda@allencountyfairgrounds.org for more information and to reserve a space.

Workdays

Watch our social media for alerts on workdays. There is a lot to do to prep for the Allen County Fair and individuals will be working at the fairgrounds almost every Saturday now through fair prepping. We can always use an extra hand if you can spare the time!



Allen County Fair Apparel

Would you like to celebrate the Allen County Fair with a t-shirt or a sweatshirt? You can order your items online now through **June 5th**, and your order will be delivered directly to the fairgrounds during the Allen County Fair. Items are available in adult and youth sizes in many color options.

For free shipping, select pickup at 46 Graphics in Churubusco or the Allen County Fair (available after June 22nd in the Fair Office). Shipping is an option if you wish for an additional fee. Order here:

<https://46graphics.com/shop/>

Little Miss Allen County

Entry is open for Little Miss Allen County. This program is open to girls aged 2-12, and participation is NOT limited to Allen County residents. There will be winners in three age groups—Little Miss Allen County, Junior Miss Allen County, and Pre-Teen Miss Allen County. Participation is capped at 25, and every participant gets a large bag of prizes and goodies along with a crown. The winners get to hang out with the 2026 Queens Court and will get VIP access to the Allen County Fair. The program is the featured fundraiser for the Miss Allen County Queen Scholarship Fund, and you can learn more on our website or reach out to Michelle Love at missallencounty@gmail.com | www.allencountyfairgroundsin.com/miss-allen-county

Congrats to our 2026 Miss Allen County Queens Court. Miss Allen County 2026: Jorja DeBolt, 1st Runner-up: Cale Sanders, 2nd Runner-up: Stephanie Onion, 3rd Runner-up: Mallory Schaefer, and 4th Runner-up: Holly Howard. Miss Congeniality is Sarah Kuhn, and People's Choice went to Holly Howard. Please look for the court at many events throughout the Allen County Fair.

Tractor Display

We are looking for tractors for our display along the road at the Swine Barn. Tractors can start to arrive on June 20th and need to be in place by 8pm on Monday, June 22nd. Please do not remove tractors until Sunday, June 28th after 5pm when the fair ends. To show our appreciation, when you drop off your tractor there will be a sign-in sheet and instructions on how to get six (6) free general admission tickets to the Allen County Fair for the week. You can get tickets for each tractor you bring. More information is on the website under Forms & Information.

Thank you, and we can't wait to see you all at the Allen County Fair, June 23rd to June 28th.

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Allen County Fair Pricing and Discount Information

Allen County Fair GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10 Admission (Tuesday-Saturday)

\$5 Admission (Sunday)

FREE till 2pm, weekdays

FREE till Noon, Saturday

Kids 5 and under are always FREE at the admission gate

June 28th, Military Appreciation Day, FREE admission with military ID

June 28th, Fairs Care Day, FREE admission with donation of five (5) nonperishable food items

Pre-Fair Discounted ADMISSION TICKETS

Allen County Fair tickets will be available for purchase pre-fair. Six (6) general admission tickets will cost \$50 and individual tickets can be used any day of the fair.

Fair admission tickets can also be purchased online at
<https://www.allencountyfairgrounds.in.com/online-tickets>

***Watch for additional sales on bundle tickets prior to fair.**

Vehicle Hangtag PARKING PASSES

Vehicle hangtag parking passes are sold separate from Allen County Fairgrounds memberships. Each hangtag parking pass will cost \$50 or \$40 for those 65 and older. The pass will allow one vehicle to park inside the gated fairgrounds. No additional tickets will be included, and a hangtag does NOT also cover general admission to the fair.

Printed Pre-Fair Discounted Admission Tickets and Vehicle Hangtags can be purchased/picked up starting on June 5th at the Allen County Fairgrounds Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm and until June 19th.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Celebration Pavilion Saturday, June 20th 10am–2pm, Sunday, June 21st 1pm–3pm and Monday, June 22nd 6pm–9pm.
