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Extension - Dearborn County

April 2024

4-H Connection



Dear 4-H Family,

As I sit down to write this newsletter it is 51 days until the May 15 deadline and 81 days to project check-in. On May 15th, members must be enrolled and approved in 4-H online, and enrolled in only the projects they intend to exhibit at the fair; t-shirt sizes must be in (the decision was made this year, that 4-H will **only** be ordering t-shirts for those who have indicated what size t-shirt they need by May 15.), livestock animals must be entered into 4-H online with appropriate animal ID numbers and premise ID according to the specie. It's a big deadline in 4-H. Remember, you are NOT an approved member if you have not paid your \$15 enrollment fee. If you have questions, please reach out to Liz.

The 4-H Board Of Directors and Fair Committee are busy at work putting everything into place for a successful 4-H Fair this June. While there is no gate fee to collect, donations will be accepted and Clubs are asked to work one day at the front and side gates to count fair-goers and help collect food donations for the Fight Hunger Stock Trailer. Two clubs will partner to provide workers each day covering two shifts per day. Please see the attached information sheet for details. Parents are asked to step up and assist, as they no longer need to help monitor Agner Hall projects during the fair. It takes an army to get all the work done before and during the fair. Please talk this over during your club meetings and get it on your calendars.

Please NOTE Changes in 4-H Fair Schedule: Tuesday and Wednesday schedules have been swapped this year. Tuesday 4-H events: Pygmy, Fiber and Dairy Goat Show, Boer Show, Creative Writing and Fashion Review, and Sheep Show. Wednesday 4-H Events: Rabbit Show, Swine Show.

Think about attending 4-H Camp June 4-7th [registration closes May 1] ; if you are in middle school, think about attending 4-H Round-Up June 24-26 at Purdue, and if you are in high school consider attending 4-H Academy @Purdue this year to explore an area of interest on Purdue's campus, June 12-14. These Registrations are right around the corner!

Sincerely,
Liz Beiersdorfer, 4-H Youth Development Educator



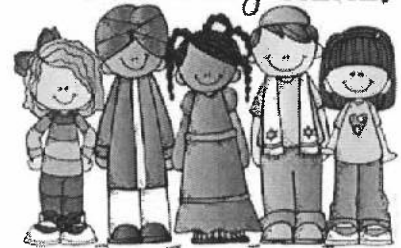
4-H Enrollment

<https://v2.4honline.com>

If you have questions, call the office at 812-926-1189 or email ebeiers@purdue.edu.

If you love 4-H invite a friend to join this year!

YOU belong HERE.



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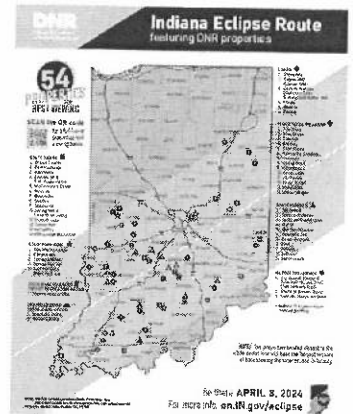
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Dearborn County 4-H program strives to provide the 4-H experience to all who want to participate, by practicing the 4-H essential element of generosity! If you need accommodations to participate, please contact Liz Beiersdorfer at ebeiers@purdue.edu.



CLOVER CORNER-APRIL 8TH SOLAR ECLIPSE

Make your plans now to view the total solar eclipse on April 8th across most of Dearborn County and a swath of Indiana! This is the first total eclipse since 2017 and the next before 2044. **Tips:** make sure you have protective glasses to view the event. Unprotected viewing will damage your eyesight! Check libraries for free pairs of glasses, or purchase at DNR or State park gift shops. Only direct viewing until it's completely dark. Plan for travel to your best viewing area and consider extra travel time, watch animal behavior during this time. Use QR code below to share your observations with Purdue. The upper 3/4th of Dearborn County will begin eclipse at 1:51 pm and end at 4:24 pm with a total of 1 minute 22 seconds duration of complete eclipse.



What is a solar eclipse? A solar eclipse **occurs when the moon “eclipses” the sun.** This means that the moon, as it orbits the Earth, comes in between the sun and the Earth, thereby blocking the sun and preventing any sunlight from reaching us.

Mission: *The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.*

The Fair Board is looking for additional members, committee members or helpers of any kind to complete the work of planning and executing fair week. If you are able to volunteer please contact the Extension Office.



members.com - 14822072

Fair Dates 2024
June 17-21
Fair Set-Up June 12
Project check-in June 15-9
-11:30 am
Cleanup-
June 22 8am-4pm
Fair Awards June 22-4 pm

Important Upcoming Dates

- ◆ **Fair T-shirt Contest deadline:** All 4-H members/clubs are invited to come up with a T-shirt design using the 2024 Fair theme submitted by Emily Stenger “The 4-H Life.” Please send your T-shirt design to Liz at ebeiers@purdue.edu no later than **April 5th**.
- ◆ **Sewing group:** March 26, 5-7:00 pm Extension Office. Making baby bibs for Pregnancy Care Center.
- ◆ **Don't forget to select your t-shirt size on 4-H Online by May 15th.** Go to profile, select Events and scroll down to find. The decision was made this year, that 4-H will **only** be ordering t-shirts for those who have indicated what size t-shirt they need by May 15.
- ◆ **CPR training** April 29, 5:30pm, Extension Office meeting room. Training is for volunteers and 4-H members in high school.
- ◆ **4-H Camp registration deadline** on 4-H online and payment to office is May 1st.
- ◆ **Spring ID:** Sheep, Goats, Swine, [contact Dairy Cattle chair for Dairy Cow tagging information] April 26, 6-8 pm Fairgrounds.
- ◆ **Multi-Specie Livestock workshop:** April 27, 9-12 and Quality Livestock Care training 12-1, Fairgrounds. Please contact the office if you plan to attend the workshop and register for QLC training on 4-H online!
- ◆ Check out 4-H Round-UP, 4-H Academy@Purdue, Band and Choir events on: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H>.
- ◆ **May 15 is the deadline for 4-H enrollment, 4-H project drop/add and livestock registration in 4-H online.** Questions? Call the office.



Things You Need to Know

- ◆ If you are showing livestock at the county fair, (not rabbit), you must have a **premise ID** from the Indiana Board of Animal Health. For information on how to register, or recover a lost premise ID and more, please visit this site: <https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/indiana-premises-registration/>
- ◆ All animal project members [except Horse & Pony, Alpaca, dog, cat & pocket pets] **must** complete the Quality Livestock Care training this year in order to exhibit at the local and state fair. Training dates: April 27, 12-1 pm, Agner Hall; & May 16, 5:30-6:30 pm Extension Office meeting room. Cost \$3 per child. YQCA certificates will still be accepted for online completion-Send certificates to Liz ebeiers@purdue.edu.
- ◆ The Tractor, Lawn and Garden and Zero Turn operator skills contests will no longer require a written test; only parts ID and obstacle course completion.
- ◆ 2024 4-H Handbook is available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/dearborn>. Also a few hardcopies available in the office.
- ◆ If you plan to assist grooming at the State Fair, you must enroll in program and complete 5 Animal Ethics and Adult Expectation modules. Look for information this spring. Or check <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/> later this spring.
- ◆ Check out the Extension office webpage!! <https://extension.purdue.edu/dearborn>. You can find all the information and forms you need in one place under the 4-H link.
- ◆ If you have any questions, please call the office at 812-926-1189!! We are here to help you.

Quote of the Month— “I like 4-H’ers because they are dedicated to excellence.”

— Dwight David Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States upon the occasion of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, 1959

Character Awareness - Tolerance is the character trait for April. Tolerance is recognizing and respecting differences, values, and beliefs of other people.

Healthy Living

tip: April is recognized as **National Stress Awareness Month** to bring attention to the negative impact of stress. Reduce sitting and screen time.

Kindness: Pass it

On! Develop a vision for healthy living, wellness, and personal growth, and set *realistic* goals to help you realize your vision.

Kroger Card can give back to our 4-H program! Would you consider helping Dearborn County 4-H earn money? All you need to do is link your Kroger rewards card to Dearborn County 4-H. Your information will never be shared with anyone. Use your card to benefit 4-H, organization number is JL911.

Volunteers are
the heart of
4-H!

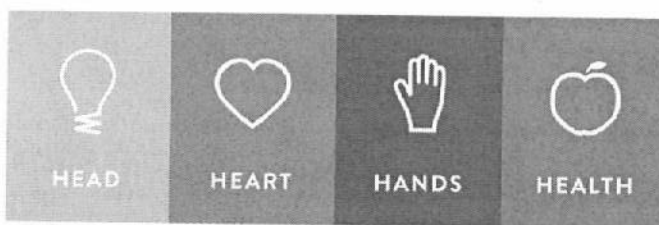
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who would be a
great volun-
teer? Share the
love and ask
me to send
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cation.



Want to help

4-H? Consider
joining the Fair
Committee.

Contact
ebeiers@purdue.
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WHAT'S COMING UP?



- ◆ 4-H Enrollment at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
- ◆ 4-H Camper registration is open on 4-H online. [Youth profile, events] June 4-7 at camp Higher Ground outside West Harrison. \$225 cost. Contact Liz at ebeiers@purdue.edu with questions.
- ◆ Sewing group: March 26, 5-7 pm. Extension Office meeting room.
- ◆ Jr. Leader meeting: April 2, 7 pm, Extension Office meeting room
- ◆ T-shirt design contest entries due April 5th.
- ◆ Animal Spring ID-April 26, 6-8 pm Fairgrounds
- ◆ Multispecies Livestock Workshop April 27, 9-12
- ◆ Purdue Day of Giving: April 24th. Appreciate what Extension does in the community? Want to make an impact on Purdue Extension? Donations of any amount can be made directly to Dearborn County Office. Look for more info in April.

CELEBRATION TIME !

Congratulations to Kylee Neff on receiving the 2024 Indiana 4-H Foundation Senior Robert E and Maureen K Anderson Scholarship in the amount of \$1000!!!! So proud of you!



4-H is calling all doers!

ESPECIALLY FOR VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ If you have not checked out the Clover Call Podcast, made just for 4-H Volunteers, please do so at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/podcasts/clover-call-podcast.html>
- ◆ If you have not enrolled in 4-H online, NOW is the time to get it taken care of! Volunteers are not to interact with youth, or make decision on behalf of youth unless they are approved volunteers in 4-H online. It's for the safety of the youth we serve!
- ◆ Help your 4-H Club members create a T-shirt design submission; due to Liz by April 5th.
- ◆ April Volunteer Development: 4/16, Lion's Club 6:30-7 and meeting 7 pm office.
- ◆ Please remind your members they need to write thank-you notes to award sponsors, show sponsors, fair sponsors and buyers! Our community supports 4- members and they need to know we appreciate it!



 *Let the Good Times
Grow*

Dearborn County 4H Club Leaders,

The 4H Board along with the Fair Board, have decided that for the 2024 Dearborn County 4H Fair this year each club will be assigned to work the front and side gates for one (1) day. A day will be assigned to each club. Clubs will be partnered up and will be assigned to cover two (2) shifts for the day. Monday-Thursday, the 1st shift is 4:30pm to 7:30pm and the 2nd shift is 7:15pm to 10pm. On Friday, the 1st shift is 3:30pm to 7:30pm and the 2nd shift is 7:15pm to 11pm.

There will need to be four (4) people, a minimum of two (2) adults and two (2) 4H members at the FRONT gate and one (1) adult and two (2) 4H members at the SIDE gate. You may have more, but please keep in mind there MUST be at least two adults minimum at the FRONT gate and at least one adult minimum at the SIDE gate.

Gate duties are as follows:

FRONT GATE: (If a Board member is needed, you can radio the office for one)

1. Monitor the Freewill donation bucket.
2. Use the counter to track the number of people coming into the Front gate.
3. Take food donations for the Fill the Trailer, Feed the Hungry Program and place donations into the trailer.
4. Help with basic Fair information if fair goer has any questions.

SIDE GATE: (If a Board member is needed, you can radio the office for one)

1. **NO ENTRY**, by anyone, unless designated in #4, for any reason after 4:45pm Monday through Thursday and 3:45pm on Friday. This is in place for the safety of our 4H'ers, vendors, and attendees and MUST be done.
2. Any violation of the gate entry could result in the Fire Marshall issuing a fine and/or shutting down the Fair.
3. Any person needing assistance after 4:45p Monday – Thursday and 3:45p on Friday with 4H animal supplies, vendor supplies, the elderly, etc. the gate worker will radio the Fair office for assistance with a golf cart. **ABSOLUTELY NO VEHICLE ENTRY AFTER DESIGNATED TIMES.**
4. The only exception(s) is an emergency vehicle or a 4H or Fair board member who will be working the fair different hours throughout the week.

See the following attached schedule for your club's assigned day. If you have a conflict, please notify Jennifer Littiken @ dearbornvendorinfo@gmail.com by 04.15.24.

4-H Club	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Camelid Crew	X				
Dog Daze				X	
Dover Hoosier Helpers				X	
Eldorado Horse & Pony					X
Great Caesars		X			
Happy Hooves			X		
Happy Udder Bunch					X
Hogan Hoosiers			X		
Manchester Rowdies	X				
St. Leon Lucky Leafers		X			