

JULY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Static (Non-Livestock) Project Check-In

To quickly explain to any family that may be new to the 4-H Program or potentially someone that needs a refresher to static project check-in. When you arrive to the Fairgrounds for project check-in you will go to the appropriate building (Community/Headquarters) for that day/time. When you arrive at the building you will be directed by a 4-H Volunteer which table to take your applicable project (i.e., cake decorating to the cake decorating table). Depending on the number of individuals checking-in simultaneously you may have to wait in line. Once you reach the table, your project will be checked-in by a fellow 4-Her or volunteer. The project is then immediately judged by the onsite judge. The judge will notify you of your placing as a first, second, or third place.

Once all projects are judged it will then be the hard decision of the judge to select the class, division, and overall champion/res champion & grand/reserve grand champions. Youth will not learn of the overall rankings until the buildings are open to the public. Please refer to the attached judging schedule to find check-in locations and times.

Static Project Release

Static projects will be released at the conclusion of the fair, following the closing of buildings. Projects will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, July 19th from 7-9pm and Thursday, July 20th from 9am-12pm (noon). If projects are not picked up in a timely manner they will be donated or disposed of at a later date.

First Year 4-H'ers

We want to offer a friendly reminder that if you are a first year 4-Her be aware that you are to pick up your Project Books, and Record Sheets. These are prepared by the office. Please call ahead, (812)663-8388, and we will have them ready for pick-up. Thank you.

Project Labels & Parking Passes

Project labels will be printed by the office and ready for pickup after we finalize the Static Project entries in FairEntry. Parking passes will also be included with the labels.

We will notify families when this is completed and items are ready for pick-u. Should you fail to pick up your project labels they will be available on the day of your project check-in.

We highly recommend picking these up prior to project check-in days as some projects are required to protected by plastic. This inhibits the ability to securely affix the label directly to the project.

10-Year Members

Reminder that the 10-year member dinner is Thursday, July 13th at 7:00pm in the Community Building. RSVP's were due to stevegauck50@gmail.com by June 30th.

4-H Royalty

The crowning of 4-H Royalty will take place on Thursday, July 13th at 6pm in the Farm and Home Building. The presentation of Miss Decatur County and Court will also take place during this time.

Completion Party

The Completion Party for the 2023 4-H Exhibition is scheduled for 7/31/2022 from 4-7pm. Youth will receive their coupons for a free round of Putt-Putt & Bowling at the party, pizza will also be served.

Livestock exhibitors that sold an animal at the sale will also pick up their checks at the Completion Party. In order to take receipt of your check youth will be required to turn in their Thank You cards to their buyers.

4-H Books

With the 4-H Exhibition quickly approaching, we ask that you PLEASE contact the office in advance to prepare your books for pickup. If you are unable to come into the office during office hours, we will place them in a pick-up box on the bench. If you are participating in Arts & Crafts or Mini 4-H, please let us know which project(s) you plan to complete to receive the correct materials.

IQLC/YQCA

If you did not attend a Decatur County IQLC training, it is expected that you complete the online YQCA training. Upon completion, a copy of the YQCA certificate must be provided to the office. This was due to the office by June 18th. If this is not completed, you will not be eligible to show at the fair.

Auction Help Sign-Up

Each 4-H member participating in the auction is required to work one shift supporting the auction. Please go to the following link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/43QBmGZ>

Barnyard Olympics

The Olympics will take place on Sunday, July 16th after the conclusion of the parade. Please begin to think about your teams of 4. Sign-up sheets will be available in the Extension office for registration. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the project check-in locations.

Approved Animal Grooming Assistance Program

If you intend on becoming an Approved Animal Grooming Assistant the modules are now live. The information and modules can be found on the website in the General Livestock Information section - Grooming Rules. However, this requirement is in place for the Indiana State Fair specifically, we at the Decatur County 4-H program also request you complete this course if you intend to clip or groom an animal that is not your own.

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