February 15, 2022

Greetings 4-H Livestock Families,

One of the activities youth in livestock clubs need to complete this year is the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. We are excited that we have the opportunity to offer this critical educational piece to our youth. This program will allow the 4-H member to learn about the importance of animal well-being, quality assurance practices, and their part in the food production system. This national program is supported by organizations such as the National Pork Board, National Cattleman's Association, National Corn and Soybean Boards. This training will allow us to reach youth in multiple species with one program.

Who has to participate in the YQCA program?

- All 4-H members who are enrolled in the following projects have to complete the program in order to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair and or the Indiana State Fair: Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder, Goats, Lambs, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine.

When does the YQCA program need to be completed by?

- 4-H members in Elkhart County **need to complete the training by May 15, 2022. If it is not completed by this date you will not be able to show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair.**

How do I complete the YQCA program and what does it cost?

- There are two ways to complete:
  - Online - $12.00
  - In-person training - $3.00
  - The cost of these trainings will need to be **paid online** (for an online training or an instructor led training) to the YQCA Company. The fee covers the cost of the training materials, which are updated each year and the maintenance of the database.

How do I sign up for YQCA?

- Registration for both Online and In-person training will need to be completed at http://yqca.org
- Click on the "Sign In/Register" Button on the top right-hand side of the screen.
- **Use the "4HOnline Sign In" blue button**. Select Indiana 4-H Youth Development as your Organization. You will then enter your 4HOnline account information.

- By using the 4HOnline log in this information will show up in our database. **Do not create a new account**. If you have lost your password, give us a call at 574-533-0554, or click on the forgot password button.
- The next menu will ask you to select a 4-H member. Click "select member," then the consent screen will pop up.
- On the next screen, you will select a course. Please pay attention as this is by the child's age.
- Select the appropriate course based on the 4-Her's age. The next screen will ask you to select the type of training you prefer (Online or Instructor Led).
- For the instructor-led training: Select "Indiana" as the state. In the Training box, select the training you wish to register. Note that all of the trainings in Elkhart County will start with Goshen.
- Then select purchase course.
- You will then follow the prompts and add your credit card information.

Note about Instructor Led Training:

- You **must be pre-registered** to participate; sign up early because classes will fill up. If you do not pre-register you will be turned away.
- Payment has to be completed online before you can come to training.
- Please show up early for check in.

We know that this program will have many great benefits for the 4-H members and we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions please contact Robert Kelly, kelly115@purdue.edu or by calling 574-533-0554.

Regards,

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