

Elkhart County 4-H Guernsey Club Handbook for 2026

Leaders:

Carla Weaver

Lorae Smith

Kylie Weaver

Brooke Weaver

Meetings: 7:00 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month unless noted otherwise

4-H Pledge

I pledge

My head to clearer thinking

My heart to greater loyalty

My hands to larger service and

My health to better living for

My club, my community

My country, and my world

Pledge of Allegiance:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Guernsey 4-H 2026 Calendar of Gatherings

January 12 – Carla’s barn – Election of officers to be held. Introduction of new members. Discuss any new rules. Demo/talk will be by Brad Paulus about calf/heifer nutrition. 4-Hers may start doing demos at any meeting. Geranium orders can start being taken.

****Indiana 4-H Quality Cares (\$3) is the statewide trainings that are required for all 4-heros to complete by May 15th. Info will be sent to families from the fair through email. Can also do the online version of YQCA but it costs I think \$15.

February 9 – Carla’s barn – a night with Dr Zell, vet with DVMS and also one of our fair board reps. Come with questions about dairy animals and about the fair! We’ll see what type of “part” he brings with him for us to explore and examine.

March 9 –Lorae’s house – Showmanship tip night.

April 13 – Lorae’s house - Showmanship video and the great candy hunt! Geranium orders are due at this meeting along with your 1 check made out to Elkhart County 4-H Guernsey club.

May 11 – Clipping demo night, location TBD.

***IMPORTANT by May 15 your animals must be enrolled! There is no exception to this, you must have them enrolled into the following site: <http://v2.4honline.com>. Lease papers need to be uploaded and on file in this site also.

June 8 – Pool party at Tessa Troyer’s house. Address and times will be sent when we send the reminder.

July 12 – Sunday – noon – Guernsey enthusiast picnic and pond party! Main dish and drink and table service supplied, please bring a food dish to share. Stall cards will be available, I’ll have fair passes unless you get yours at a different club. Last minute details will be discussed. Last day to do demo’s and/or hand in your essay to fulfill the requirement.

Snacks:

February	snack	drink
March	snack	drink
April	snack	drink
May	snack	drink
June	snack	drink

Calendar of events:

July 21 – Tuesday work night at the fair

July 23 – Thursday – bring open show Guernsey cattle to the fair

July 24 – Friday – Open show at 10:00 am

July 25 – Saturday – dairy bar day- working in dairy bar II

July 26 – Sunday – parade day

July 27 – Monday – all cattle need to be stalled by 11:00. Check in your cattle 8-11:00 at the dairy office. Clipping contests 12:30 Senior and 2:00 juniors. Remember only the head can be clipped ahead of time for the clipping contest.

-Monday evening 7:00 pm – pizza party for all dairy families down by the dairy office

July 28- Tuesday -8:15 am- pledges in the arena along with 10 year member recognition;
4-H dairy show starts at 8:30

July 29 – Wednesday – kids day in the dairy barn; sign up will be on Monday sometime

July 30 - Thursday- Indiana Guernsey Breeders Association works Dairy Bar I. We need to help them out if we can. Sign up sheet will be at the June meeting.

July 31 Friday- dairy's milk/cheese auctions

August 1 - Saturday – last day of the fair

Thursday August 6 – dairy banquet 7:00 pm – date subject to change- location to be announced. If you have items for the silent auction, let Carla know.

Record book for 2026

Everyone needs to do a record book. Again, same as past years, do a 5+ minute demonstration, hand in your paperwork for it, this will count as your record book for this year. If you do not do a demo, then you will need to write a 1-page essay on the following:

*****What do you feed your show calf on a normal day during the summer (include the amounts that you feed), and what/how do you feed your show calf on a show day (include the name of feeds).

Clover cash 2026:

\$5 for your first demo.

\$5 for your second demo

\$5 for your third demo

\$5 clover cash handed out to 4-Hers that attend at least 4 meetings.
