

The Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club Handbook 2023



4-H Pledge

I pledge...

My **Head** to clearer thinking, My **Heart** to greater loyalty, My **Hands** to larger service, My **Health** to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

4-H Club Motto: "To make the best, better."

4-H Colors: Green and White

The 4-H Club Member's Creed

I believe in Club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my **Head** of the power it will give me to think, plan, and reason.

I believe in the training of my **Heart** for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my **Hands** for the ability it will give me to be helpful, useful, and skillful.

I believe in the training of my **Health** for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently. I believe in my country, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development. In all these things, I believe, and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.

2023 Dairy Club Officers

President: Oliver Nisen

Vice-President: Lydia Nisen

Secretary: Cole Hively

Treasurer: Kam Miller

Reporters: Dayna-Rose Brown and Sophia Clark

Health & Safety: Owen Nisen

Recreation Leaders: Lauren Hibschman and Mable Post

Song Leaders: Harper, Hadley, and Hudson Yoder

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2023 Dairy Club Dates Checklist & Deadlines

- May 15th-** Make sure your transfers and lease papers are dated before this date!!!! ONLINE CATTLE ENROLLMENT IS DUE!!!! You must go online to enroll your dairy cattle on <https://in.4honline.com> for the fair!!!! YQCA training needs to be completed as well as lease papers if that applies to you.
- **July 1st by midnight: Completion Awards Scholarships for 10 Year Members**
- May 1- July 7th??-** Enroll the exact number of animals that you will be showing for the 4-H show at the Elkhart County 4-H Fair <https://elkhartcountyin.fairentry.com/>

- **Spring 2023- Open enrollment for 4-H State Fair entries...** do these online and the club will reimburse you the fee only if you show your animal. (**July 1st deadline for entries.**) August 11th- 4-H Show and August 13th- Open Show <https://exhibitorscorner.indianastatefair.com/>
- **July 18th**– Turn in completed project requirements, find your stalling assignment, and you can decorate. ANY IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR THE SHOW, SIGN UP FOR DAIRY BAR SHIFT, AND GET PASSES AND OTHER MEETING INCENTIVES.
- **July 21st-July 29th- Elkhart County 4-H Fair**
 - ❖ **August 3rd- 4-H Banquet** in the **Ag Hall** @7:00 p.m. All 4-H members and family welcome to attend!

❖ **Completion Requirements**

Level 1: 3rd – 5th grade members

3rd grade members: 1/2- 1 page report on all Dairy Breeds. Ellie will create a fact sheet for each breed.

4th grade members: Pedigree Poster on at least 1 of the animals that you are showing.

5th grade members: Poster on Dairy Foods

Level 2: 6-8th grade members

6th grade members- Poster on steps of milking/types of parlors or barns.

7th grade members- Report on what your show animal is fed daily.

8th grade members- Take a picture of one of your animals & label at least 20 parts of a cow. Write a report of what a judge is looking for in a dairy animal, and what would you like to change about your animal. Give examples and a short set of reasons.

Level 3: 9-12th grade members **9th grade members:** Interview an individual in the Industry Education (milk promotion, extension) and write a 1 page description on what was learned (interview notes or summary must be signed by individual being interviewed) **10th grade members:** Interview an individual in Nutrition and write a 1 page description on what was learned (interview notes or summary must be signed by individual being interviewed.) **11th grade members:** Interview an individual in the Herd Health Industry (Vet) and write 1 page description on what was learned (interview notes or summary must be signed by individual being interviewed.) **12th grade members:** Interview an individual in the Genetics and Reproduction Industry and then write a 1 page description on what was learned (interview notes or summary must be signed by individual being interviewed.)

Interview questions can be what the person does, who they work for, the education they obtained, how long they've been in this vocation, what a typical day is like in their line of their work.

4-H Dairy Club Meeting Syllabus (Please make sure you fill your responsibility or find someone that can. Location/time are subject to change. Always check your email or the Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club Facebook page for current updates.)

January 19th: meeting will be held in the Ag Hall

Pledges: Brenden Blosser and Morgan Weddell

Mixer/Recreation: Lauren Hibschan and Mable Post

Health and Safety Report: Owen Nisen

Program: Introduction of officers and all 4-H members, formality of meetings, and going over the Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Club Handbook/Project Requirements.

Refreshments: Dairy Club supplied cupcakes and cookies. Welcome back!

February 23rd: meeting will be held in the Home and Family Arts Building

Pledges: Lauren Hibschan and Kavion Haley

Mixer/Recreation: Lauren Hibschan and Mable Post

Health and Safety Report: Owen Nisen

Program: Hoard's Dairyman Judging Stations

Snacks: Mahoney/Reed/Weddell Families

Drinks: Kamryn Miller and Nisen Families

March 16th: meeting will be held in the Fidler Room of the ECCC Building

Pledges: Autumn Miller and Connor Hively

Health and Safety Report: Owen Nisen

Program: Dr. Zell will be our guest speaker.

Snacks: Brenden Blosser & Darin Yoder

Drinks: Nunez/Ritchie & Newcomer Families

April 20th: meeting will be held in the Ag Hall

Pledges: Lydia Nisen and Brady Reed

Health and Safety Report: Owen Nisen

Program: Guest speaker from Cheese Haus & Example Registration on 4-H online

Snacks: Lehane & Rush Families

Drinks: Shawn Eash & Hively Family

May 13th: clipping workshop at Landis Farm @ 9:30 a.m.

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Lunch will be provided for all that attend!

June 15th: meeting will be held in the Dairy Barn at the Fairgrounds

Pledges: Kamryn Miller and Kaden Yoder

Mixer/Recreation: Kickball!!

Program: Various demonstrations will take place.

Snacks: Paul & Post Families

Drinks: Brown Family & Sophia Clark