

Hello 4-H Families,

Thank you for completing your 4-H enrollment! If you opted to pay the state program fee by check, please be sure to submit it to the Extension Office within ten days. Enrollments cannot be processed until payment is received.

Attention Horse and Pony Members! Our **Color Guard and Drill Team Call Out** will be held Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Ingebretsen Barn, 7814 W 155th Ave., Lowell, IN 46356. Color Guard/Drill Team is a mounted team that presents the Flags and performs synchronized routines to music. We perform at the Fair and at local events and horse shows. This H&P Activity develops additional horsemanship skills outside of the equitation and showmanship project. The Call Out meeting will include a brief presentation on the Drill Team goals, requirements, practices and performances. We will also have a practice on foot following the presentation, which is great fun. Bring your questions. Don't bring your horse! Questions before the meeting? - Call or Text Vickie Blink at 219-384-2561.

All 4-H members are invited to a **4-H Leathercraft Workshop** for all grades on Sunday, February 6 at 3 pm or Sunday, March 20 at 1 pm or 3 pm at Zion UCC, 14804 W. 113th Ave, Dyer, IN 46311. Project superintendent Lynette DuBord will provide all the supplies and a variety of project choices. Cost can range from \$4 to \$26+ depending on the project you select. You can also go to TandyLeather.com to order your own and have it shipped to your house if you know you want something specific. Sign up with a fellow 4-Her who maybe hasn't tried leathercraft before! If you did not sign up for Arts and Crafts, you can still add the project. Please reach out with any questions or concerns. Seating is limited so be sure to RSVP via text 219.746.3105 or email [lynette.dubord01@gmail.com](mailto:lynette.dubord01@gmail.com) at least a week prior to each session.

Sign up now for the **4-H Spice Club**! Cook, learn, and snack at the Extension Office, Tuesdays 5:00-6:30 pm, starting April 12. Open to all young people in grades 6-12. Contact the Extension Office at 219-755-3240 for more information.

It's time to turn in your **Indiana 4-H scholarship** applications (due January 25). Visit [Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications](#) to learn more about these opportunities, supported by the [Indiana 4-H Foundation](#)!

Save the date for the **2022 State 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest**- May 14th at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds! More details will be forthcoming to the Area Livestock Judging Contest Coordinators for distribution.

**Junior Pork Day:** Save the date for March 26th for the Junior Pork Day at Creighton Hall – Purdue University. Junior Pork Day is a special 1-day workshop held annually at Purdue University to provide 4-H swine members and their families with current information and hands-on learning to spark their interest in the swine industry. During this educational workshop, participants rotate individually through a series of stations that test their skills in the areas of swine evaluation, parts identification, and other areas of the swine industry.

**Reminder to Club Leaders:** annual reports are due January 31! These are needed in order to keep your club charter active. The Financial Checklist, Annual Financial Report, and Club Activity Form are available on the Indiana 4-H Club Resources page at

[H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html](https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html)).

Instructions for this year's IRS filing (due May 15) will be coming soon.

4-H County Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Extension Office. Immediately following the 4-H Auction Committee will be meeting. All enrolled volunteers are welcome to come!

WARM UP FROSTY: You're still in luck!!! Please drop off your donations to the Extension Office by Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all who have donated!!!

**Attention Livestock Members:** Please remember that all 4-H Livestock Members need to complete the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training/Certification in order to exhibit animals at the fair. Attached you will find a letter explaining the process as well as the instructions on how to sign up for the Instructor Led or Web Based trainings. Please Note: This training must be completed by ALL 4-H Members showing Livestock (Beef, Dairy, Dairy Feeder, Goats, Lambs, Poultry, Rabbits, & Swine) at Lake County Fair. All instructor led classes are listed below. It is strongly recommended to be completed by July 1st. It must be completed in order to exhibit livestock at Lake County Fair.

Upcoming Events (all events subject to change):

*All indoor 4-H activities must have an approved Safety Plan in place.*

January 25—[Indiana 4-H Scholarship Applications](#) due in 4-HOnline

January 25—Arts and Crafts Superintendents update via Zoom, 6:30 pm

January 31—4-H Club annual reports due (download at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/volunteer/resources-and-development/club-resources.html>)

February 1 – [Indiana 4-H Day at the State House](#) registration deadline January 18<sup>th</sup>

February 3—Horse and Pony Committee, Extension Office, 7 pm

February 6—Leathercraft Workshop, Zion UCC, Dyer, 1 pm

February 21 – Extension Office Closed -Presidents Day

February 24 – 4-H County Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm

February 24 – 4-H Auction Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 8:30 pm

February 25-27 – Teens as Teachers registration deadline February 11<sup>th</sup>

March 14—Color Guard Drill Team Call Out, Ingebretsen Barn, Lowell, 6:30 pm

March 19—Horse and Pony Demo, Clark Middle School, St. John, check in 8 a.m.

March 20—Leathercraft Workshop, Zion UCC, Dyer, 3 pm

March 24—NEW DATE: County Committee Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Banquet, Great Oaks, Cedar Lake

April 12—4-H Spice Club starts, Extension Office, 5:00-6:30 pm, registration due March 29

If you have any club or project information that you'd like to share in the weekly email, please let 4-H Secretary Roz Adams [rdcoleman@purdue.edu](mailto:rdcoleman@purdue.edu) know by Wednesday each week.

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