

Hello 4-H Families,

Club Leaders, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA4AC28A7FF2-geranium1> for a time slot to **pick up your geraniums** on Saturday, April 30! Please provide the name, email, and phone number of the person who will be picking up for your club. We are scheduling clubs at fifteen-minute intervals. Please arrive on time!

Attached are two flyers about upcoming **Junior Master Gardener** training opportunities offered for adult volunteers by Dr. Kathryn Orvis. This is a great program that engages young people in gardening and can provide activities to enrich a club meeting or a fantastic 4-H SPARK Club experience (the 4-H Garden Camp that we are currently offering draws heavily from this curriculum). Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending.

Horse and Pony members, remember to complete your **Animal Identification** in 4-HOnline by May 15. Exception: Our Mini 4-H Horse and Pony members will identify their horses in FairEntry at a later date. Animal Identification is due in 4-HOnline by May 15 in order to exhibit your animals (Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Sheep and Swine) at the fair! Learn more at <https://purdue.ag/4hanimal>

**Date Change: Junior Leaders Meeting – Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm**

Please join the Lake County Junior Leaders for a brief business meeting and immediately following a FUN GAME NIGHT! Open to all enrolled 4-H members 7-12 grades! Trying to connect with other Junior Leaders across the county! We will provide the Pizza, Snacks, and Drinks! Bring your favorite board game!

**Attention Livestock Members** – Please complete the YQCA training online and download your certificate. New Website: [www.yqcaprogram.org](http://www.yqcaprogram.org). Attached you will find instructions given from the YQCA representatives and if you have any questions, please contact the helpdesk email or chat that is connected to the website. The Extension Office is very limited on information with this new Platform as the company released it but is still solidifying a few details. This is still a **REQUIREMENT** in order to show and sell at the fair.

**Attention Sheep Members:** We have been invited to join in on a workshop that Porter County is hosting. This has been an absolutely wonderful workshop in the past. Workshop will have a Feed Rep, Vet Services, and Breed Information. Sunday, May 1st, 1:00 p.m. *Tom Stoner's Farm, 148 North 450 East, Valparaiso, IN 46383*

**State Poultry Judging Workshops – Extension Office 6-8 pm**

Monday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>
	Thursday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>

Poultry Members, please bring your judging books and prepare to work!!

**Save the Date: Demonstration and Public Speaking Activity**, Wednesday, May 25th at 5:30pm. Your own private Zoom Party!!! We will be accepting registrations soon, so start thinking of presentation ideas!!

Upcoming Events (all events subject to change):

See also the **Lake County 4-H Online Calendar** <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html>.

April 9—4-H Garden Camp, Extension Office, 9-11 am  
April 10—4-H Sewing “Make a Tote Bag” Workshop, K&S Sew-n-Quilt, 410 E. Commercial Avenue, Lowell, 2-5 pm  
April 15—Extension Office Closed - Good Friday  
April 20—Share the Fun submissions due  
April 20 – Junior Leaders Meeting, Extension Office, 6pm  
April 21—Tractor Workshop, Lowell High School, 7 pm  
April 30—Geranium orders picked up by clubs, Hennings Farm and Greenhouse, DeMotte  
April 30 – Goat Tagging, Annex Building, LCFG, 12 -2 pm  
April 30 – Sheep Tagging, Annex Building, LCFG, 9-11 am  
May 1—4-H Tractor Contest registrations due in FairEntry <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com>  
May 6 – 4-H Mini: Spring Fling, Stoney Run County Park, 5:30 pm  
May 7 – Swine Tagging, Shelters 2&3 Drive Thru, LCFG, 9-11 am  
May 7—4-H Tractor Contest, location TBA  
May 14—4-H Garden Club, Extension Office, 9-11 am  
May 15—Animal Identification due in 4-HOnline  
May 15—Last day to drop/add projects directly in 4-HOnline  
May 15—4-H Club IRS Form 990 due (club leaders)  
May 21—4-H Music Performance, Plum Grove Music Center, Lowell  
May 21 – State Poultry Judging Contest, Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Crawfordsville, Indiana  
May 25 – Demo & Public Speaking, Zoom Party, 5:30 pm  
May 30—Extension Office Closed - Memorial Day  
June 2—Horse and Pony Committee meeting, Extension Office, 7 pm  
June 8—Soil and Water Science Workshop, Extension Office  
June 20 – Extension Office Closed - Juneteenth  
June 25 – July 1—Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington, DC

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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