

Happy New Year!

Coming up on the 4-H Calendar:

Monday, 1/8 Meats Judging Team Practice, Range Line Church, Hebron, 6 pm  
Monday, 1/8 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, Joan Martin Elementary, 6 pm  
Tuesday, 1/9 4-H Ambassador Project Check In, Extension Office, 6 pm  
Wednesday, 1/10 Meats Judging Team Practice, Range Line Church, Hebron, 6 pm  
Thursday, 1/11 Horse & Pony Committee Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30 pm  
Thursday, 1/11 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, Zion UCC, 7 pm  
Friday, 1/12 Crown Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, Trinity Lutheran, 6 pm  
Saturday, 1/13 4-H Livestock Field Trip to Fair Oaks  
Sunday, 1/14 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2 pm  
Sunday, 1/14 RPF 4-H Club Meeting, Bulldog Park, 5 pm  
Monday, 1/15 Extension Office Closed

*See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/lake-county-4-h.html>. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.*

Announcements:

Save the dates: New workshops have been scheduled! Open to all Lake County 4-H members.

February 8- Genealogy- learn how to get started in the project

February 15- Electric I- make a circuit board

February 29- Electric II- make a shaker light

March 13- Consumer Meats- meat safety, knife safety, knife sharpening

March 18- Communications (formerly Demo & Public Speaking)- available topics and how to get started

March 28- Electric Advanced- extension cord or lamp wiring

April 11- Weather & Climate Science- satellite images, types of clouds & sky cover

April 20- Wildlife- visit to bird sanctuary

June 28- Forestry- help Purdue map the trees of Indiana

As you are working on your 4-H projects, remember that state project exhibit guidelines are posted online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>

Please note the following changes in 2023-24 Non-Animal guidelines:

All Non-Animal projects – No restrictions on the numbers of entries per member. No manual/record sheet required for exhibition (please note that some projects will still require Skills Sheets).

Aerospace – added drone exhibit suggestions.

Communications – deleted language about state fair achievement trip and added state fair Celebration of Champions information.

Electric – referred notebook/report exhibits to scorecard to learn what information needs to be included.

Garden – add any other single vegetable and any other herb as exhibit options. Removed Latin name requirement.

Genealogy – clarified divider tab language.

Photography – deleted display board as an exhibit option.

Woodworking Techniques – Combined Level 1 and 2.

Revised food recipe card.

Added garden collection scorecard.

Revised garden single vegetable scorecard.

Revised genealogy judges checklist.

Name change—Container Gardening is now Planters.

Reclaimed Treasures – Restored and repurposed exhibits will not be judged separately.

Save the date! 4-H Camp will be June 4-6 for campers in grades 3-6 at Camp Mack in Milford, Indiana. Camp counselors (grades 9-12) will attend June 3-6.

**4-H Dog Call Out** – January 30<sup>th</sup> 2024, 6 pm at the 4-H Building LCFG.

One parent who has had two daughters in Dog for several years, said about the Dog Project **“I think it is a hidden gem no one realizes exists!”**

If you ever thought about training your dog come out to the Dog Call Out and see what it is about. There will be 4-H’ers that have been in the Dog Project for years, and they will show you what they can do with their dog, and also 4-H’ers that have only been doing dog for one year, you will see what amazing things they have learned. Obedience - Showmanship - Rally - Tricks  
The trainers may even bring their dogs and show what show dogs can do. You will be able to talk to the trainers and other 4-H’ers about their experiences and any concerns you have about training your dog. Come out and see how much fun you can have with your dog. Dogs at invitation only.

**Poultry Judging Workshops Dates**, 6pm at the 4-H Building at Fairgrounds unless marked

Feb 5, 13, 26

March 5, 19

April 9, 16(Annex Building), 23(Annex Building), 30

May 7(Annex Building), 9(Annex Building)

Open to anyone interested in judging poultry (open to non-poultry members). Please remember State Poultry Judging is May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Patti Nichols 219-306-7845 with any questions.

STEM volunteers, please see attached update on state 4-H opportunities.

The Porter County 4-H Beef Project would love to invite all surrounding counties 4-H youth to attend a free Beef Workshop on February 25 where Richey Show Steers will discuss topics related to feeding, nutrition, and daily hair care for beef cattle. Sullivan Supply will also have a trailer on site for any grooming supplies and equipment that families may want to purchase for any livestock species at the workshop. Attached is a flyer.

The St. Joseph County 4-H Horse and Pony program invites you to a Tack Swap meet on April 6. See flyer attached.

Indiana 4-H is excited to invite all 7th-12th grade 4-Hers to Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse! On Tuesday, February 13, 2024 participants will learn about our state government through a full day of civic engagement & leadership opportunities. Register for this event via 4-H Online: [Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse \(4HOnline\)](#) Registration closes January 15.

Invitations have been mailed for the Lake County 4-H Volunteer Recognition Banquet & Annual Meeting. Please RSVP by January 18.

The 2024 4-H scholarship applications are available on the [4-H Scholarship web page](#). Applications are completed through your 4-H Online account and are due January 25.

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