

2024 Tentative Schedule of Lake County 4-H Events

All items are subject to change. Check communications from the Extension Office for updates and additions.

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| October 1 | Enroll for the new 4-H year! | Early Check-in: Exhibits judged on later dates may be checked in at the 4-H Building on Monday-Wednesday, July 15-17, from 5:30-6:30 pm. No perishable exhibits or very large/fragile items please. |
| January 25 | State 4-H scholarship applications due | |
| March 1 | Horse & Pony Demo entries due (FairEntry) | July 15 (Monday) Check in 5:30-6:30 pm |
| March 1 – March 22 | Lake County 4-H Geranium Sale | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Open judging of Child Development, Dog Posters, Forestry, Garden Educational Exhibits, Geology, Health, Poultry Posters, Rabbit Posters, Soil & Water Science, Sportfishing, Veterinary Science, Weather & Climate Science, Wildlife. |
| March 2 | Beef & Dairy Steer Tagging | |
| March 9 | Horse & Pony Demonstrations Clark Middle School, St. John | |
| April 1 | Communications, Music entries due (FairEntry) | July 16 (Tuesday) Check in 5:30-6:30 pm |
| April 19 | Communications Contest Extension Office | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Open judging of Aerospace, Cake Decorating/Cake Decorating w/o Tips, Communications (Creative Writing), Computer Science, Consumer Clothing, Electric, Entomology, Fine Arts, Floriculture, Genealogy, Needlecraft/Needlecraft Other, Sewing, Small Engine, Woodworking. |
| April 13 | Music Performance Plum Grove Music, Hebron | |
| April 27 | Geranium Pick Up | July 17 (Wednesday) Check in 5:30-6:30 pm |
| May 1 | Ambassador, Project, and Middle School Achievement Resumes due | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Open judging of Collections, Construction & Architectural Replica, Consumer Meats, Jewelry Making, Reclaimed Treasures, Tablesetting. |
| May 4 | Goat/Sheep Tagging, Lake County Fairgrounds | |
| May 15 | Animal Identification due (4-H Online) | July 18 (Thursday) Check in noon–1:00 pm |
| June 1 | Trophy sponsorships/orders due | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Basic Craft Other, Ceramics, Giftwrapping, History for Fun, Leathercraft, Scrapbooking, Wearable Art, Wreaths (closed judging to follow). |
| June 4-6 | 4-H Camp, Camp Mack, Milford, IN | |
| July 1 | All other exhibit entries due (FairEntry) | July 19 (Friday) Check in 6:00-7:00 pm |
| | Beef, Dairy, Goat, Dog, Sheep, Poultry, Rabbit, Swine Project Manuals due, Extension Office | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Mini 4-H Exhibit "judging" Handbook Cover Contest entries due |
| | Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) due | July 20 (Saturday) 8:30-9:00 am 9:00 am |
| July 12 (Friday) Check in 5:30-6:30 pm | Extension Office Open judging of Foods and Exploring through Books & Movies. | Power Paw Blues Dog Club Check in for Dog Show 4-H Dog Show |
| July 13 (Saturday) Check in 9:00-10:00 am | Extension Office Open judging of Horse & Pony Posters, Music Posters, Sports, Photography. | July 30 (Tuesday) Check in 9:00-10:00 am |
| | | 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds Open judging of Garden/Planters. Set up Club Corner displays. |

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| August 1 (Thursday) | | | |
| 8:30 am - 6:00 pm | Check in 4-H Poultry | 5:00 pm | 4-H Dairy Show |
| 7:00 pm | 4-H Achievement Night Showcase Tent, next to 4-H Building | 6:00 pm | Livestock Show Pavilion 4-H Beef Show Livestock Show Pavilion |
| August 2 (Friday) | | August 9 (Friday) | |
| 9:00 am | 4-H Poultry Show Poultry/Rabbit Barn | 9:00 am | 4-H Meat & Specialty Goat Show Livestock Show Pavilion |
| TBA | Poultry (The Roles are Reversed) Showmanship Activity Poultry/Rabbit Barn | 11:00 am | 4-H Sheep/Swine Carcass Results at Hanford Packing |
| August 3 (Saturday) | | 11:00 am | Mini 4-H: Rabbit Activity |
| 10:30 am -11:00 am | Check in Gardening for Fun, 4-H Building | 2:30 pm | 4-H Rooster Crowing Activity Poultry/Rabbit Barn |
| 11:00 am | Gardening for Fun judging, 4-H Building | 3:00 pm | Mini 4-H: Sheep Activity Livestock Show Pavilion |
| August 5 (Monday) | | 4:00 pm | Mini 4-H: Goat Activity Livestock Show Pavilion |
| 8:00 am – 10:00 am | Check in 4-H Rabbit | 6:00 pm | Supreme Showman Contest Livestock Show Pavilion |
| 8:00 am – 10:00 am | Check in 4-H Swine & Ed. Options | August 10 (Saturday) | |
| 8:00 am - 12:00 noon | Check in 4-H Beef, Goats, Sheep & Ed. Options | 10:00 am | Livestock Judging Activity Livestock Show Pavilion |
| 8:30 am - 9:30 am | Check in 4-H Horse & Pony | 4:00 pm | 4-H Livestock Auction |
| 11:00 am | Horse & Pony Exhibitors Meeting | 5:30 pm | Small Animal Large Animal Livestock Show Pavilion |
| 12:00 noon | 4-H Horse & Pony Show Horse Arena | August 11 (Sunday) | |
| 12:00 noon - 8:00 pm | Check in 4-H Dairy Cattle & Ed. Options | 10:00 am - 12 noon | 4-H Livestock Barn Battle Activity Livestock Show Pavilion |
| 2:00 pm | Mini 4-H: Poultry Activity Poultry/Rabbit Barn | 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Check out Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, & Swine including show boxes and equipment |
| 3:00 pm | 4-H Sheep & Swine Carcass Shows (on hoof) Livestock Show Pavilion | 6:00 pm | 4-H Building closes. |
| 5:00 pm | Mini 4-H: Swine Activity Livestock Show Pavilion | August 12 (Monday) | |
| 7:00 pm | 4-H Livestock Costume Activity Livestock Show Pavilion | 4:30 pm — 6:00 pm | All 4-H exhibits must be picked up from the 4-H Building by designated club representatives. See your club leader for instructions. 4-H Building Tear-Down. |
| August 6 (Tuesday) | | 5:30 pm | |
| 8:00 am | 4-H Horse & Pony Show Horse Arena | August 20-23 (Tuesday-Friday) | 8:30 am-4:30 pm |
| 9:00 am | 4-H Rabbit & Companion Show Poultry/Rabbit Barn | | State Fair 4-H exhibits may be picked at the Extension Office. |
| 5:00 pm | 4-H Sheep Show Livestock Show Pavilion | September 1 | "My Record of 4-H Achievement" forms due at Extension Office. |
| August 7 (Wednesday) | | Mid September | Premium checks mailed to members. Checks must be cashed by date indicated. |
| 8:00 am | 4-H Horse & Pony Show cont. | October 1 | Re-enroll for the new 4-H year! |
| 8:00 am - 12:00 noon | Check out 4-H Horse & Pony | November 1 | 4-H Memory Books due at Extension Office |
| 5:00 pm | 4-H Swine Show Livestock Show Pavilion | | |
| August 8 (Thursday) | | | |
| 9:00 am | 4-H Dairy Goat Show Livestock Show Pavilion | | |
| 1:00 pm | 4-H Poultry & Egg Judging Contest Poultry/Rabbit Barn | | |