

LAKE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTIONS

June 2025

A Note from the Extension Office

It's June—and fair season is almost here! This is one of the most exciting times of the 4-H year, and we know our members are hard at work finishing projects, practicing their skills, and preparing for exhibition. Your dedication, creativity, and commitment are what make 4-H so special, and we can't wait to see everything you've been working on.

Let's keep up the great work and head into fair season strong! We're so proud of all you've accomplished so far—keep it up!

JOIN 4-H TODAY

The Lake County 4-H Program welcomes all youth in grades K-12. Scan the QR code to sign up:



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Scan the QR code below and follow us:



FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, June 2 - Trophy Sponsorships/Orders Due, Extension Office

Thursday, June 5 - Horse & Pony Meeting, Extension Office, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tuesday-Friday June 10-June 12 - 4-H Camp, Tower Hill, Sawyer, MI

Wednesday-Friday June 11-June 13 - 4-H Academy, Purdue University, West Lafayette

Friday, June 13 - Junior Leader Blood Drive, Extension Office, 12pm-5pm

PLEASE NOTE!

Make sure you have the dates above are on your calendar! Please note: The Extension Office will be closed on the following date:

June 19th- Juneteenth



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Crochet Workshop

Wednesday, June 4

1-3pm at the Extension Office

- Open to youth in grades K-12, this hands-on session is perfect for beginners and experienced crafters alike! Register at <https://crochet6-4-2025.4honline.com>

Soil & Water Science Workshop

Friday, June 6

9-11am at the Lake County SWCD, in the same building as the Extension Office

- Youth in grades K-12 are invited to a hands-on learning experience, explore the role of soil and water in our environment through fun experiments, interactive lessons, and STEM-based activities. Register at <https://soilwater6-6-2025.4honline.com>

Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 7

9-11am at Lake County Fish and Game Protective Association,
2000 E Main Street, Griffith

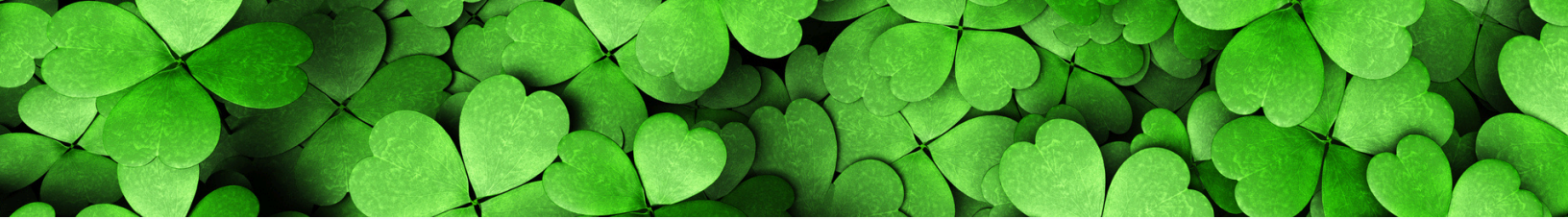
- Youth in grades 3-12 are invited to cast a line and compete in the Lake County 4-H Fishing Derby! Whether you're a seasoned angler or just learning, it's the perfect way to spend a summer morning outdoors. Register at <https://fishingderby6-7-2025.4honline.com>

Sewing Workshop

Wednesday, June 11

10am at the Extension Office

- Join us for our next Sewing Workshop, whether you're just starting out or want to sharpen your sewing skills, this workshop is for you! Register at <https://sewing6-11-25.4honline.com>



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Due to cost increase, we will now be charging \$5 for the 4-H poster backings. The 4-H poster sleeves will remain \$1.

Achievement Night Date Change:

- The date for Achievement Night has been changed from July 31st to July 27th at 5pm.

Small Animal Show

- The Small Animal Show will be on June 16th at the Lake County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building. Check in is at 5pm and the show starts at 5:30pm. You can register at <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com>. Registration closes June 11th.

Fair Set Up Date:

- The date for the 4-H Building setup is on Tuesday July 8th



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Fair Passes:

- Volunteers may register for a complimentary pass, courtesy of the Fair Board, by registering at <https://volunteerpasses-2025.4honline.com> or by calling the Extension Office at 219-755-3240 by June 16. Please specify which 4-H department(s) you will be working in at the Fair. Names and contact info will be shared with the relevant superintendents so they can plan accordingly. Passes will be distributed as usual at 4-H Building Set-Up (July 8, 2025). Not sure where your help is needed this year? Contact the Extension Office for ideas.

Barn Battle:

- Come Join Us for the 11th Annual Barn Battle. Meet at the Show Pavilion for Shirt Pickup by 9:30am. Please Register by July 1st to receive a T- shirt. You may still participate after the deadline but a T-shirt will NOT be provided. The cost will be \$5. Please bring cash or make checks payable to Lake County 4-H Club Committee, Inc. The money can be brought to the Extension Office or given to Amy Hein. Please be sure to answer all questions when you register. Ice Cream Sundae Bar to follow event. Questions, please call Amy Hein Wright at 219-808-3980. <https://barnbattle08-10-2025.4honline.com>



NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FairEntry is open!!!!

- FairEntry is officially open and will be open until July 1st unless you are showing Small Animals (Small Animals will be open until June 11th). See the judging schedule in your 4-H Handbook (pages 6-7).

QUICK VERSION:

Go to the FairEntry website at <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com>

1. Sign in using your 4-H Online email and password.
2. Follow instructions on screen to register an exhibitor and then add entries for that exhibitor.
3. Select the department, division, and then the specific class you wish to enter. Repeat as needed.
4. Add other exhibitors (siblings) if needed.
5. When all exhibitors and entries have been added, click "Continue to Payment" (payment due will be \$0.00).
6. When everything is finished, click on the green "Submit" button.
7. You will receive an email when the registration is submitted and then another email letting you know if your entry was approved or rejected. If your entry was rejected, a reason will be listed and you will be able to log in and fix the problem before submitting that entry again. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any problems with this process.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW:

- It is easiest if siblings register at the same time and your family submits one registration ticket. Otherwise, you will have to wait until the first one is approved before you can continue (usually 1-2 business days).
- Members must be enrolled in the project in order to enter any exhibit classes in FairEntry. If you need to add a project, contact the Extension Office for assistance.
- The "County-Only Projects" department includes Arts and Crafts exhibits and some Livestock posters, as well as County Projects.
- Check your junk mail folder for confirmations/error messages from FairEntry.



4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them? Why do we use them both?

4-H Online

Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

When?

From start to end of the program year: October through September.

Where?

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

FairEntry

Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Livestock Show Bills
- Organization of Fair Results

When?

Fair Season: Typically May through August

Where?

Direct link provided by county office
or

<https://faireentry.com/Public/FindYourFair>

Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
- Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments





UPCOMING CLUB MEETINGS

Monday 6/2 Hobart Hurricanes 4-H Club Meeting, 301 E 10th St,
Hobart, 6:00pm

Tuesday 6/3 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, 299 N Burr St, Lowell, 6:00pm

Tuesday 6/3 Saddle & Spurs 4-H Club Meeting, 122 N. Main Street,
Crown Point, 6:00pm

Thursday 6/5 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, 14804 West 113th Ave,
Dyer, 7:00pm

Sunday 6/8 RPFF 4-H Club Meeting, 183 S West St., Crown Point, 5:00pm

Monday 6/9 The Lone Rangers 4-H Club Meeting, 4613 E 109th Ave,
Crown Point 7:00pm

Tuesday 6/10 Happy Wranglers 4-H Club Meeting, 304 S 725 W.
Hebron, 6:00pm

Friday 6/13 The Seekers 4-H Club Meeting, 6729 W. 133rd Ave,
Cedar Lake, 3:30pm

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 know by the 15th day of each month. See the online [Lake County 4-H Calendar](#) at for more upcoming events.

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For special dietary needs please contact Kasey Wilhoit or Jennifer Haynes at least 2 weeks before the event at (219) 755-3240 and kwilhoi@purdue.edu or jhaynes7@purdue.edu.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please please contact Kasey Wilhoit or Jennifer Haynes at least 2 weeks before the event at (219) 755-3240 and kwilhoi@purdue.edu or jhaynes7@purdue.edu.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at bit.ly/48sNJfj. 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.