

Hello 4-H Families,

The week ahead in 4-H:

Sunday, 6/23 Griffith Gridders 4-H Club Meeting, Griffith, 2:00 pm  
Sunday, 6/23 Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 4 :00 pm  
Tuesday, 6/25 4-H Dog Training, Crown Point, 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, 6/26 Hammond Explorers 4-H Club Meeting, Hammond, 5:00 pm  
Wednesday, 6/26 Lake County H & P Jumping Clinic, Valparaiso, 6:00 pm  
Thursday, 6/27 4-H County Committee Meeting, Crown Point, 6:00 pm  
Friday, 6/28 4-H Forestry & Entomology Workshop, Hobart, 9:00 am  
Saturday, 6/29 4-H Mini Bicycle Rodeo, Crown Point, 9:00 am  
Sunday, 6/30 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2;00 pm

*See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/media/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:

The theme of the 2025 Lake County 4-H Handbook Cover will be “Join 4-H: Ignite Your Passion”! Members in grades 3 and above may submit designs for next year’s 4-H Handbook cover. Entries should be no more than 8.5 x 11 inches, displayed vertically. Black and white (not color) is suggested. If a 4-H clover emblem is used, it must be compliant with 4-H guidelines. Members should include their name and club on the back of the entry. The winner will be announced at 4-H Achievement Night at the Lake County Fair. The winning design will be printed on the next Handbook and may be used for other 4-H promotional materials. Entries due to Extension Office or 4-H office at fairgrounds by July 19.

Bring your best cicada photo with you to the Lake County Fair and get a free turn at the Conservation Building’s Fishing Pond! See attached flyer for details.

4-H Volunteer educational opportunity: PROJECT WET IS COMING TO CHICAGO! NGRREC Education is excited to partner with [Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant](#) to bring Project WET: Water Education Today to the Chicago region. The workshop will be held on August 10th, 2024 at the Ford Calumet Environmental Center at Big Marsh Park, Chicago IL. It will be open to all educators, from Illinois and Indiana, both formal and non-formal. Attendees will become certified Project WET Educators which comes with a variety of benefits and resources in water education. Formal classroom teachers will be able to earn 5 professional development credits. All activities are tied to the Common Core and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Attendees will also

receive their own copies of the new Project WET guides, *Foundations of Water Education*. Find out more by checking out the registration form at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwqZ9ackuPeQXMArRfslb9Exd4t8FeBMtimT7jabbkTtXOPQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwqZ9ackuPeQXMArRfslb9Exd4t8FeBMtimT7jabbkTtXOPQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

FairEntry is open! Register your exhibit entries at <https://lakecountyin.fairentry.com> by July 1. Then the judging schedule in your 4-H Handbook (pages 6-7) to find out when to check in your exhibits for judging. Reminder for Non-Animal projects: No manual/record sheet required for exhibition. Please note that some projects still require Skills Sheets, and all Arts and Crafts exhibits require a Craft Information Card. These forms are all available on the Indiana 4-H website, <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects>. Contact your project superintendent or the Extension Office if you have questions.

Horse & Pony members, sign up now at <https://jumpingclinc06-26-24.4honline.com> for the Jumping Clinic on June 26, 6 pm, at Midwest Saddle and Bridle Club. This is a jumping clinic to help members who would like to have extra practice and instruction to improve their and their horses skills in jumping. All members are encouraged to participate, but need to understand if their horse is a good fit for jumping. Ground poles and crossrails will be offered, so beginners are welcome.

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