

Hello 4-H Families,

The week ahead in 4-H:

Sunday, 7/28 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00 pm

Monday, 7/29 New Chicago Park Summer Lunch & Learn Program, Hobart, 11:00 am

Tuesday, 7/30 4-H Pre-Fair Judging, Lake County Fairgrounds, 9:00 am

Thursday, 8/1 4-H Achievement Night, Lake County Fairgrounds, 7:00 pm

Friday, 8/2 – 8/11 Lake County Fair, Lake County Fairgrounds

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:

It's almost time for the Lake County Fair! Please see the attached calendar of upcoming 4-H events.

Congratulations to our exhibitors whose entries qualified for the Indiana State Fair! Complimentary State Fair passes are available from the 4-H Office at the Fairgrounds. Wondering which exhibits advance to State? Your 4-H Handbook explains the guidelines for each of the State 4-H projects. For example, for many projects we can send one entry per level, so the level Champions will go. Exhibit photos and State judging results will be displayed at the Lake County Fair.

If any State Fair exhibitor took an exhibit home (e.g., live plants), these must be returned to the 4-H Building, Lake County Fairgrounds by Friday, July 26, 4 pm. Exhibits will be transported to Indianapolis by staff/volunteers unless other arrangements have been made.

State Fair Foods Exhibitors: Check In is Monday, August 5. Instruction packets were either given out at judging or mailed to qualifying members. Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

NEW THIS YEAR: "Learn From a 4-Her" is a new State Fair event. If your non-animal exhibit is selected for State Fair, please consider participating! Standing at their exhibit display, the 4-H member will tell fairgoers how their exhibit was assembled, skills learned, and how they overcame challenges related to their 4-H project work. The 4-H member should plan to present this information concisely in 2-3 minutes, and be prepared to answer questions. Pre-registration is not required. See attached document for more information (please note Indianapolis is on Eastern time so the times listed are an hour ahead).

Complimentary State Fair passes are also available for enrolled 4-H adult volunteers. After August 2, any 4-H exhibitor with at least one exhibit at the Lake County Fair may also request a State Fair pass while supplies last.

Save the Date: State Fair exhibits, along with State ribbons and pins, may be picked up at the Extension Office between August 20-23.

Project Award Applicants, Ten, & Tenure Members and 2 graders:

The Lake County 4-H Club Committee would like to invite you to attend the 4-H Achievement Night now being held on **Thursday, August 1st @ 7 PM in the Showcase Tent** right outside the 4-H Building at the fairgrounds. Please arrive by 6:45 PM to get a good seat and bring the family. Join us in a night to celebrate together all the amazing accomplishments of our 4-H members!

Stock the Trailer Update: Donations this year will be collected in the 4-H Building! Drop off all your non-perishable food anytime the 4-H Building is open from August 2-11 in our collection box that you cannot miss as you enter the building! If you have a large amount of donations that need to go directly to the trailer, please contact Amy Hein. What a wonderful opportunity this is for Lake County 4-H to not only fight for a prize to support our 4-H program but also show our support of local food banks and Fight The Hunger! Your generous donations will help make a difference for families in our local communities! Any questions, please contact Jackie Gerner at 219-776-6661.

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H ROA Workshop, August 21 at 6:30 at the Extension Office.

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