

Hello 4-H Families,

The week ahead in 4-H:

Sunday, 7/7 RPF 4-H Club Meeting, Crown Point, 5:00 pm

Tuesday, 7/9 4-H Building Set Up, Lake County Fairgrounds, Crown Point, 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 7/10 4-H Dog Training, Crown Point, 6:00 pm

Thursday, 7/11 Brunswick Beavers 4-H Club Meeting, Dyer, 7:00 pm

Friday, 7/12 4-H Pre- Fair Judging, Extension Office, Crown Point, 5:30 pm

Saturday, 7/13 4-H pre-Fair Judging, Extension Office, Crown Point, 9:00 am

Sunday, 7/14, Prime Beefmakers 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:

Congratulations Claire Donaldson, Saddle and Spurs 4-H Club! Claire has been selected as an Indiana 4-H Ambassador. As an Indiana 4-H Ambassador, she will serve as a positive role model for younger youth, build meaningful partnerships with other 4-H teens, adults, and professionals as well as community partners and sponsors; and promote the 4-H mission in Indiana.

All 4-H volunteers and teen members are asked to assist with **Building Set Up** (the 4-H Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds) at 4:00 pm on July 9. PIZZA PARTY then Junior Leaders and various committee meetings will follow. Please contact Linda Dillon at 219-313-5633 if you have questions.

Non-Animal Project Superintendents, be sure to review the updated judging checklist that was sent by email last week. If you have questions about the changes, we can discuss that Building Set Up.

Help Needed! Sign up now to help host the **4-H Building during the Fair**. Greet fairgoers, answer questions about 4-H, and maybe recruit some new members! Sign up now at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4FA4AC28A7FF2-48580889-2024> There are lots of spaces still available.

We will use your FairEntry registration information to pre-print entry tags for each non-animal exhibit, including Mini 4-H. Please attach securely to your exhibit in a visible location (for posters, place the tag in the lower righthand corner). All registered 4-H exhibitor families will receive an **Exhibitor Packet with their youth Fair Pass, Entry Tags, and Livestock parking hanger** (if applicable). Packets may be picked up

- At 4-H Building Set Up on July 9
- During pre-Fair judging check in (see schedule for dates and locations)
- At the Extension Office between pre-Fair judging and the start of the Fair

Adult volunteers who requested Fair Passes may also pick them up at those times.

Last chance to place an ad in the **2024 Horse and Pony Program Book!** These program books will be distributed at the Fair and are a great way to send a special shout-out to a 4-H exhibitor or advertise your business. Due July 10. Order form attached.

Non-4-H Fair Exhibits: Did you know grownups can exhibit at the Fair, too? And not just horses and livestock—photographs, antiques and collectibles, garden exhibits, needlecraft, agricultural educational exhibits, birdhouses, flowers, and so much more! Learn more at <https://www.lake-county-fair.com/p/exhibitor> Just like in 4-H, exhibits must be registered in advance so be sure to check the entry due dates.

Help 4-H Fight the Hunger & **Stock the Trailer** with non-perishable food at the Lake County Fair August 2-11. Start planning now and spread the word! Items must be turned in at the Fair to qualify. At the end of the Fair, the trailer will be weighed. The county with the greatest total pounds donated will receive \$5000 for their 4-H program Sponsored by Farm Credit Mid America.

A **schedule** of 4-H pre-Fair and Fair events/due dates is attached. Remember that some exhibit judging will be held at the Extension Office this year! Don't go to the Fairgrounds by mistake on those days!

Please note that on the schedule printed in your 4-H Handbook, a line was omitted; 4-H Building exhibits will be released on Monday, August 12. See your club leader for instructions. Exhibits will not be released on Sunday. Also the Mini 4-H Poultry activity has been moved to 2 pm on Monday, August 5. All Mini 4-Hers are welcome.

Pro Tip: As you finish up your exhibits, take one last look at the exhibit guidelines in your 4-H Handbook. Make sure you have completed everything, including any Exhibit Cards or Skills Sheets that may be required.

Be sure to complete a **Craft Information Card** for each Arts and Crafts, Fine Arts, Construction & Architectural Replica, and Needlecraft exhibit. This will help the judge understand how you created your exhibit! Cards are available from the Indiana 4-H Projects website <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/arts-and-crafts/4-H-618A-W.pdf>

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.

Horse and Pony members, remember you can find lots of useful information, including the Horse & Pony Fair Schedule, on our county website <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/media/lake-county-4-h.html> (scroll down to the 4-H Horse & Pony tab) and Facebook page.

Sign up now for the Rabbit Workshop <https://rabbitworkshop7-14-24.4honline.com>
On Sunday, July 14, 4:00 pm, at the Doffin Farm, 7406 W 101st Ave, Crown Point. Learn about showmanship, demonstration, tattooing, go over information for the fair and get questions answered. Questions, please call Amanda Woodworth at 219-789-9519.

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