

2026 4-H EXHIBITION PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE

Approved by 4-H Council on DATE

Wed., March 25	6:00 PM Communications Speeches & Demonstrations	South Central High School
Sat., June 6	8:00 AM Tractor Safety & Operator Skills Contest	Extension Office
Mon, June 15	6:00 PM 4-H Ten Year and Senior Recognition Night	Community Building
Fri., June 19	3:30 PM Consumer Clothing & Creative Writing Notebooks	Extension Office
Mon., June 22	10:00 AM – 2 PM Building Cleaning & Setup	4-H Exhibit Hall

June 22nd to June 26th from 8:00-4:00 PM Early Project Drop-Off for all projects dropped off in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. All projects must be turned in prior to judging times except foods. Evenings June 23rd and June 25th will be available from 4 PM - 6:30 PM.

Friday, June 26 | 4-H Project Judging - Westville High School, 207 E. Valparaiso St.

	8:30 AM Check-In Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 8th - 12th	Door #2
	9:00 AM Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 8th to 12th	Door #2
	12:00 PM Check-In Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 3rd - 7th	Door #2
	12:30 PM Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 3rd - 7th	Door #2
	9:00 AM Consumer Clothing Grades 3rd to 5th	Door #2
	10:00 AM Consumer Clothing Grades 6th to 8th	Door #2
	11:00 AM Consumer Clothing Grades 9th to 12th	Door #2
	7:00 PM Fashion Revue	Door #3

Saturday, June 27 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

	8:00 AM Dog Check – In	Livestock Show Arena
	8:30 AM Dog Show – Showmanship, Trick, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Costume, & Brace	Livestock Show Arena
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Project Drop Off Time, You will simply grab your tags and drop all your projects off at the table where it will be judged. If you are staying to talk to the judge you will highlight your entry number. All projects must be turned in prior to judging times except foods.	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
11:30 - 1:00pm	Communication Notebooks	4-H Exhibit Hall
	9:00 AM Foods: Baked – Level A & C	Community Building
	9:00 AM Foods: Preserved – All	Community Building
	10:30 AM Foods: Baked Level B & D	Community Building
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Construction & Architectural Replica: Farm Toy Scene, Building Toys & All Other Materials, Child Development, Genealogy, Health, Veterinary Science, Wildlife, Performing Arts Notebooks, Leadership, Sportfishing, Garden, Container Garden, Exploring Through Books	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Cake Decorating, American Heritage, Electric, Geology, Home Environment, Woodworking, Entomology, Small Engines, Weather & Climate Science, Soil & Water Science	4-H Exhibit Hall Back
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Shooting Sports	Sheriff Side

Sunday, June 28 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

8:00 AM	Dog Check-In	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Dog Show – Agility, Jumpers & Weaves	Livestock Show Arena
11:30 AM Check-In	Cat Show (Noon start time)	Community Building

Monday, June 29 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

8:00 – 4:00 PM	Project Check-In Option for MONDAY projects ONLY (all other projects should have already been turned in)	4-H Exhibit Hall
5:00 - 6:15 PM	Mini 4-H Project Check-In & Judging	Community Building
5:00 - 6:30 PM	Computer Science, Do Your Own Thing, Beekeeping, Forestry, Collections, Needlecraft, Bicycle, No Bake Cookies	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Arts & Crafts, Photography	4-H Exhibit Hall Back
5:00- 6:30 PM	Dog Education, Draft Horse Education, Horse Education, Llama Education, Goat Education, Sheep Education, Swine Education, Dairy Cattle Education, Beef Education, Cat Education. Aerospace, Model Craft, Fine Arts	Sheriff Side
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Mini 4-H Pet Parade	Livestock Show Arena

Friday, July 10 | 4-H Livestock Check-In

2:00 – 5:00 PM	4-H Beef Arrival (All beef cattle except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Beef Barn
3:00 – 6:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Check-In	Rabbit Barn
4:00 – 6:30 PM	4-H Poultry Check-In (Birds must be in the barn by 7 PM)	Poultry Barn
5:00 – 8:00 PM	4-H Goat Check-In	Goat Barns
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Horse and Pony Check-In	Horse Arena
6:00 – 8:00 PM	4-H Miniature Equine Check-In	Mini Equine Barn

2026 LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**Saturday, July 11 | Noon – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open**

7:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Sheep Check-In	Sheep Barn
8:00 – 10:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Check-In	Draft Horse Barn
After Open Show	4-H Rabbit Judging Contest	Rabbit Barn
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Small Animal Drop Off (Fish Tanks ONLY)	Small Projects Building
By 10:00 AM	4-H Beef Arrival (All beef cattle except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Cattle Barn
10:00 AM – Noon	4-H Beef Weigh-In (except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Beef Barn
9:30 – 11:30 AM	4-H Market Lamb Weigh-In	Sheep Barn
Not before 11 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show - Trail	Horse & Pony Show Arena
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Graduation (following the Queen's Contest)	Livestock Show Arena
7:00 PM	Walk of 4-H Champions (following Mini 4-H Graduation)	Livestock Show Arena

Sunday, July 12 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Swine Arrival	Swine Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Dairy, Pygmy, & Boer Goat Show	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Ranch Classes, Horseless Horse to Follow	Horse & Pony Show Arena
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dairy Feeder, Prospect, and Cow Calf Arrival	Cattle Barn
10:00 – 11:00 AM	4-H Dairy Feeder Steer & Prospect Weigh-In	Cattle Barn
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Pigeon Check-In	Poultry Barn
1:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Showmanship	Rabbit Barn
3:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Ambassador	Rabbit Barn
4:00 PM	Mini 4-H Mini Equine Show	Mini Equine Barn
4:30 PM	4-H Cow/Calf, Prospects, County Bred Steer (by breed), and Dairy Feeder Steer Shows	Livestock Show Arena
5:00 PM	Mini 4-H Rabbit Check-In (show at 6:00 PM)	Rabbit Barn
6:00 PM	4-H Sheep – Pen of 2 Sign-Up Due	Sheep Barn
7:00 AM	4-H Mini Equine Family Fun Night	Mini Equine Barn

Monday, July 13 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

6:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Swine Arrival	Swine Barn
7:00 – 10:00 AM	4-H Swine Check-In & Weigh-In	Swine Barn
8:00 AM	4-H Sheep Show Mini 4-H Sheep Show to follow estimated to start at 2 PM	Livestock Show Arena
7:30-8:30	Chicken Flying Weigh-In	Poultry Barn
8:00 – 11:00 AM	4-H Dairy Cattle Check-In, <i>after 10 a.m. unload behind Poultry & Swine Barns</i>	Cattle Barn, Poultry & Swine Barn
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Small Animal Check-In	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	Small Animal Judging	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Halter & Showmanship	Horse & Pony Arena
10:00 AM – Noon	4-H Floriculture Judging	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	4-H Chicken Flying Contest	Draft Horse Arena
10:30 AM	4-H Rabbit Ambassador Winners Announced	Rabbit Barn
11:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show Rabbit Fun Photo Contest, All meat classes and Doe & Litter, Rabbit Education Posters	Rabbit Barn
4:00 PM	4-H Miniature Equine Show – Driving, Obstacle, & Jumping	Livestock Show Arena

Tuesday, July 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Beef Steer and Dairy Steer Show	Livestock Show Arena
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry Science & Display Board Judging	Poultry Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry, Ducks, Geese & Turkey Judging	Poultry Barn
8:30 AM	Mini 4-H Little Peeps Poultry Showmanship	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry Showmanship	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show – 4-Class	Rabbit Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – English Classes	Horse & Pony Show Arena
Noon	4-H Pigeon Show	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Goat Show	Livestock Show Arena
7:00 PM	Goat Agility	Livestock Show Arena

Release of Beef Breeding animals after 4-H Beef Show

Wednesday, July 15 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Swine Show Mini 4-H Swine Show to follow estimated start at 3:00 PM	Livestock Show Arena
8:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Miniature Equine Show – Showmanship, Halter, Color, and Costume	Mini Equine Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show – 6-Class	Rabbit Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Western Classes & Freestyle Reining	Horse & Pony Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Rooster Crowing Contest Followed by Turkey Gobbling Contest	Poultry & Pigeon Building
1:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Pedal Pull	Livestock Show Arena
<i>Release of Release of Non-Sale Beef, Dairy Beef, and Swine after the Swine Show until 11 PM, Mini Equine release by appointment only from 6 PM to 8 PM</i>		

Thursday, July 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
8:00 AM	4-H Dairy Show Mini 4-H Dairy Show to follow estimated to start at 2 PM	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM – Noon	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Reining, Speed & Action, & Versatility	Horse & Pony Show Arena
4:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Races (start time 5:00 PM)	Rabbit Barn
1:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM	Supreme Champion Showman Contest	Horse & Livestock Arena
8:00 PM	4-H Livestock Auction Setup	Livestock Show Arena
<i>Release of Non-Sale Beef and Dairy Beef, Dairy Cows, Sheep, and Swine after Concert Traffic Until</i>		

Friday, July 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
9:00 AM	ALL DAY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION Order of sale: Swine, Goat, Poultry, Duck, Geese, Turkey, Rabbit, Dairy, Sheep, Auction for Scholarship Fund, and Beef	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Booster Club Pie Auction	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Contesting	Horse & Pony Show Arena
12:00 PM	Release of Auctioned Swine	Swine Barn
2:15 PM	Release of Auctioned Poultry, Ducks, Geese, & Turkeys	Poultry Barn
3:15 PM	Release of Auctioned Rabbit Meat Pens	Rabbit Barn
7:30 PM	4-H Battle of the Barns (1 hour after auction)	Livestock Show Arena
<i>Release of 4-H Goats, 4-H Auction & Non-Sale Sheep from 7 PM to 9 PM</i>		

Saturday, July 18 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

	7:00 AM 4-H Sheep Barn Clean Up	Sheep Barn
	8:00 – 10:00 AM 4-H Goat Release	Goat Barns
	8:00 AM 4-H Horse & Pony Show – Contesting	Horse & Pony Show Arena
	9:00 AM – Noon 4-H Rabbit and Rabbit Education Release	Rabbit Barn
	10:00 AM – Noon Small Animals Release	4-H Exhibit Hall
	10:00 AM – Noon 4-H Pigeon Release	Poultry Barn
	10:00 AM 4-H Dairy Awards, Dairy Cattle will be released after awards	Cattle Barn
	10:00 AM 4-H Draft Horse Awards	Draft Horse Arena
	10:00 AM 4-H Swine Barn Clean Up	Swine Barn
	12:00 PM 4-H Auctioned Beef Release	Cattle Barn
	12:00 PM 4-H Miniature Equine & 4-H Draft Horse Release	Mini Equine & Draft Horse Barns
	1:00 PM 4-H Non-Auction Beef Release	Cattle Barn
	1:00 – 2:00 PM 4-H Poultry Release	Poultry Barn
	Upon Conclusion of Show & 4-H Horse & Pony Release Awards	Horse & Pony Barns
Mon, July 20	1:00 – 7:00 PM Project Pick-up	4-H Exhibit Hall

For release of animals, you need to check out with your 4-H Project Superintendent or designee. 4-H livestock shall not Building projects will be released during the specified time above. Unauthorized early removal of exhibits will result in **All projects will be repurposed or recycled 2 weeks after their release with the exception of State Fair Projects. Those with State Fair projects will be given a date once projects are picked up from State Fair.**

*****Schedule is subject to change and changes will be marked in red*****