

LAPORTE COUNTY

4-H Thursday Ticket



IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Things happening in December & January:

- December 19th | Sheep Committee Meeting
- December 25th | Office Closed | Happy Holidays
- December 28th | Rabbit Workshop | 10am
- December 23rd to January 3rd | Purdue Staff Winter Recess
- January 7th | Program & Budget Committee Meetings
- January 9th | 4-H Council Meeting
- January 14th | Rabbit & Mini Equine Committee Meetings

Save the Dates:

- February 5th | Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care
- February 20th | Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care
- February 21st | Beef Tagging | Appointment Only
- February 22nd | Beef Tagging | 8 AM to 11 AM
- March 24-28 & March 31-April 4 | Spring Break Camp
- April 26th | Feeder Calf Tagging | 8 AM to 10 AM
- April 5th | Workshop-a-Thon
- May 3rd | Sheep, Swine, Goat Tagging
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline



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PAYING ENROLLMENT FEES

If you have completed your enrollment and opted to pay by check, the office is asking that you send a check at your earliest convenience. The enrollment is not approved until payment is received.

We have sent back any old enrollments that are still waiting for payment. Please get this done as soon as possible.

TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

A new 4-H Teen Leadership Weekend event will occur Friday, March 28 - Sunday, March 30, 2025, at Camp Tecumseh near Brookston. This new event is designed for Junior Leaders and other teen leaders. This new event will replace the former state junior leader conference held in June. More information will be forthcoming.

In order for this to be a recurring annual event, there must be at least 125 youth and 16 adult chaperone participants.

INDIANA 4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE DATES

- February 5th: 6 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- February 20th: 6 PM at the LaPorte County Extension Office
- April 5th: 10 AM at Workshop-a-thon
- April 5th: 1 PM at Workshop-a-thon
- April 14th: 5:30 PM at the Extension Office
- April 14th: 6:30 PM at the Extension Office
- May 13th: 6 PM LaPorte County Extension Office
- June 2nd: 6 PM at the Small Projects Building

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care needs to be done by June 13th. YOCA can be completed online, we recommend it be complete by June 13th.

CAMP COUNSELORS

It's cold outside but NOW is the time to apply to be a Camp Counselor! You must be in 7th to 8th grade to apply as a Counselor in Training (CIT) or you can be in 9th to 12th grade to apply as a Counselor. You can apply @

<https://2025CampCounselors.4honline.com>

Deadline for applications is January 25th! Reach out to Lauren or Kelsey with any questions!



Training Dates are set for:

Saturday March 8th | Porter County Fairgrounds | 9 AM to 2 PM | Lunch Provided

Tuesday May 6th | Pinney Purdue | 6PM to 7:30 PM

Monday June 9th | Tower Hill Camp | Arrive at 12:30 PM CST (1:30 PM EST)

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT

Join the Educators and other volunteers to share your ideas for the 4-H program year. Hope to see you at our remaining workshops!

January 30th | 4-H Project Handbook @ the Extension Office from 5:30-6:30pm

April 26th | Judging Clinic (Location and Time TBD)

April 29th | Fair Entry, 4-H Online, and Fair Prep @ the Extension Office from 5:30-6:30pm

Have questions or need resources? Email the office, and we'll be happy to help!

INDIANA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START!

LEARN MORE AT bit.ly/4hscholarship



MINI 4-H CORNER

MINI MONDAY - JANUARY 27TH

Mini Monday sign up will open December 27th for the January activity! Remember In an effort to reach more kids we will have two sessions (5:30 & 6:30) with 24 spots in each session. You will have to pick the session you want when signing up. If you need help please reach out to the office. Register in 4-H Online.

Follow the link: <https://Januaryminimonday.4honline.com>

UPCOMING MINI MONDAYS

Mini Monday Dates will be as follows with topics covering:

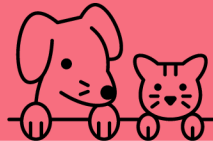
Feb 24 - STEM

March 24 - Wildlife/Forestry

April 28 - Aerospace

May 19 - Animal Education

June - Pet Parade 6:30



MINI PROJECTS

Need help figuring out what projects you want to do? Check out the **Mini 4-H Handbook**. There has been some changes and adjustments so be sure to look it over!

https://extension.purdue.edu/county/laporte/4-h/4h-docs/tidbits-and-archives/2024_2025-mini-4-h-guide1.pdf

MINI LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Mini 4-H'ers must borrow an animal owned by another 4-H member (except poultry & rabbits) **AND** find an older 4-H member to work with the day of show.

Project Update: Animal Education & Livestock Shows

If your member plans on participating in the Mini Livestock Shows the week of Fair, we are strongly encouraging Mini's to complete the new Animal Education project for another educational opportunity. Guidelines for that project can be found on page 6 of the LaPorte County Mini 4-H Guide.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LA PORTE COUNTY LIBRARY

December 23rd

Elf Party, family

Main Library - Multipurpose Room 9:00am-5:00pm



December 23rd

Family Story Time

Main Library 5:00-5:30pm

January 2nd

Creative Kids- Winter

Main Library 4-5pm (6-11yrs)

January 2nd

3D Printing Open Lab- Multiple Color Prints

Library Exchange 6:00-7:30pm (Teen and Adult)

January 6th

Adopt a Pet Rock, family

Coolspring Branch 5:00-6:00pm

January 11th

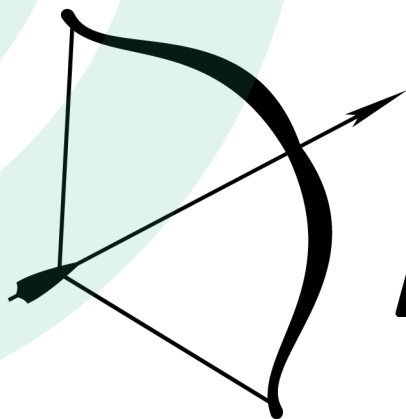
Spy School Saturday, ages 6-11

Main Library- Multipurpose Room 11:00am-Noon

LAPORTE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

December 21st | Night at the Giese Church, 6-8pm: learn about the history of the holiday traditions at Giese. Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided!

Guided Tours Available Every Saturday at 2pm!



2024-2025 ARCHERY SEASON

Archery for grades 3-12th is ready to kick off the 4-H programming year! All meetings will take place at the Small Projects Building at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Please make sure you are approved in 4-H Online or you will not be able to shoot.

You can find the sign-up page for Archery here:

<https://signup.com/go/SVCwHiC>

Upcoming Dates

December 27th: Project Work 8th Grade 6-8pm

December 28th: Shoot from 9-Noon

January 9th: Project Work 9th 6-9pm

January 11th: Shoot from 9-Noon

January 23rd: Project Work 5th/6th 6-7pm

January 25th: Shoot from 9-Noon

February 6th: Project 3rd/4th 6-7pm

February 8th: Shoot 9-Noon

February 20th: Project 7th/9th 6-9pm

February 22nd: Shoot 9-Noon





SIGN UP!

LAPORTE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS JAMBOREE!

WHEN?

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH, FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM!

WHERE?

**SMALL PROJECTS BUILDING AT THE FABULOUS
LAPORTE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS!**



WHY?

**DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF SHOOTING SPORTS,
MEET YOUR AWESOME INSTRUCTORS, AND FIRE
AWAY WITH ALL YOUR BURNING QUESTIONS!**





MICHIGAN 4-H HORSE PROGRAM WINTER WEBINAR SERIES

January 15th at 6pm: How to buy a horse with Paula Hitzler

January 29th at 6pm: The basics of Equine Management with David Lindsay

February 5th at 6pm: Equine Nutrition basics with Dr. Christine Skelly

February 18th at 6pm: Being a better boarder and Running a boarding facility with Taylor Fabus

March 12th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Showmanship with Dr. Karen Waite

March 26th at 6pm: From the judges' perspective: Ranch Riding with Dr. Alyssa Logan

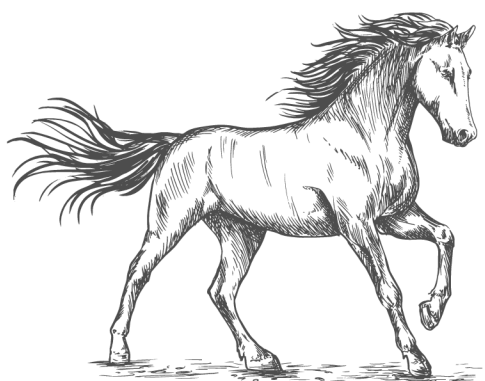
Any further questions email David Lindsay, Extension Educator at lindsa75@msu.edu

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It's time to enroll in 4-H

KV REMC IS HERE TO HELP!



MORE YOUTH.

MORE COMMUNITY.

MORE READY.



**NOW UNTIL
JULY 1, 2025**



KV REMC is proud to be a strong supporter of the 4-H program and the opportunities for leadership, growth, and development it offers to our area youth.

Register your child for the 2025 4-H year and Kankakee Valley REMC will reimburse you the program fee as a bill credit.

***DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2025**

4-H reimbursement is only available to youth whose parents or guardians are KV REMC member-consumers.

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