

What is the 4-H Showcase?

Youth can share what they learned in 4-H by completing projects and entering them at the Marion County 4-H Showcase (sometimes referred to as the fair). Adult judges give feedback for projects based on scorecards. Youth can talk with judges about what they learned and how they can improve in an interview setting, and will be awarded ribbons for their accomplishments!

When does Showcase happen?

Showcase is an annual event that happens every summer in Marion County, usually the week after the July 4th holiday. All 4-H Showcase events are held at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. For 2024, project judging will be Thursday, July 11th, and Showcase will take place over 2 days - **July 13th & 14th**.

What do we do at Showcase?

Showcase is all about presenting the skills you've learned through the year as part of 4-H. Some 4-H'ers turn in projects to be judged and receive ribbons, some participate in contests like Public Speaking or Fashion Revue, and some come to Showcase to spend time with their friends and celebrate a wonderful year!

What happens after Showcase?

Some exhibits from our county will be invited to be judged at the state level. For 4-H'ers who move on to state, your project will get to go to the Indiana State Fair! Afterwards, you move on to new 4-H experiences with your club.

Get Ready!

1ake sure you're ready for the Showcase! Follow this
checklist to see if you've completed everything:
☐ Mark your calendars for:
 July 11th - Open Project Judging from 4:30-7 pm
 July 13th - 4-H Showcase Day 1 from 10 am until 7 pm
 July 14th - 4-H Showcase Day 2 from 11 am until 7 pm
☐ Check that your enrollment in 4-H Online for the current 4-H year is
completed and approved.
☐ Review our online Marion County 4-H Project Handbook and download
the exhibit guidelines for your project.
☐ Enter ALL of your projects into FairEntry by midnight on July 3rd.
☐ Leave space in the bottom right-hand corner of your posters to place
your entry tag (name, club, project division, etc.).

Open 4-H Project Judging

"To Make the Best Better"— our well-known 4-H motto — implies that we need to know what our best is before we can make it better. Our motto asks how well we're doing now and encourages us to consider how we can improve. "To Make the Best Better" there must be evaluation (judging) that allows us to discover where we are and how well we're doing.

Bring your project(s) to the 4-H Exhibit Hall on the Indiana State Fairgrounds and speak with a judge about your work. In 4-H, a judge talks with the 4-H member and looks at (evaluates) their exhibit, demonstration, or record to see how good it is (determines the merit or quality). The judge compares it to known rules (recognized standards) and then decides which ribbons to give based on those rules. This opportunity takes place in the evening of July 11th between 4:30 - 7 p.m.

If you do not wish to speak with a judge, you can drop of your project on July 10th between 5 - 7 p.m. Contact the Extension Office if you need to drop of at a different time.

2024 Showcase Schedule of Events Saturday, **Downstairs** (1st Floor) **Upstairs** (2nd Floor) July 13th 4-H Small Animal Show 10-11am 4-H Project Silent **Demos Demos** 4-H Dog 10 am and Activity Booths and **Auction** Show Activity Booths Showcase 10am-5pm 10am-2pm 10am-5pm 11 am 10am-4pm 10am-4pm 4-H Poultry Show Noon Noon-3pm 1 pm 2 pm Crafted! 3 pm 3-4pm 4 pm Youth Talent 4-H 5 pm **Bicycle** Contest Rodeo 6 pm 5-7pm 5-7pm 7 pm

Event/Activity	Time	Location	Description
4-H Dog Show	Check-in @ 9:30 am Saturday 10 am - 2 pm	2nd Floor	Come watch our 4-H Dog Club members compete in showmanship, obedience, and agility.
Demonstrations & Activity Booths	Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 11 am - 3 pm	1st & 2nd Floors	Get hands-on with our 4-H'ers and guest speakers with food & cooking demonstrations, make-and-take dog toys, the 10-year member & senior display, hands-on STEM display, and more!
Silent Auction	Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 3 pm	1st Floor	Bid on items, tickets and coupons to shops and venues around Indiana - can accept payment via cash, check, or credit card.
4-H Small Animal Show	Check-in @ 9:30 am Saturday 10 - 11 am	1st Floor	Hedgehogs and rabbits and goats! Oh my! Come watch 4-H'ers showcase their small animals and pets.
4-H Poultry Show	Check-in @ 11:30 am Saturday Noon - 3 pm	1st Floor	Visit with some local fowl and chat with 4-H'ers to learn all about the birds they raise.
4-H Project Showcase	Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 4 pm	1st Floor	Peruse the 1st Floor of the 4-H Exhibit Hall and check out all of the amazing projects our 4-H'ers have worked on all year.
Crafted!	Saturday 3 - 4 pm Sunday 3 - 4 pm	2nd Floor	Join us at 3 pm Saturday or Sunday to compete in <i>Crafted!</i> (like <i>Chopped!</i>), our mystery-supply crafting competition.
Youth Talent Contest	Check-in @ 4:30 pm Saturday 5 - 7 pm	2nd Floor	Youth 21 or younger can compete in a variety of categories to qualify for the Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest.
4-H Bicycle Rodeo	Check-in @ 4:30 pm Saturday 5 - 7 pm	Outside main doors	Show off your skills on a bicycle, following the rules of the road, and join the group for a group bike down the Monon Trail.

2024 Showcase Schedule of Events Sunday, **Upstairs** (2nd Floor) **Downstairs** (1st Floor) July 14th 4-H Project 11 am **Demos** Silent **Demos** 4-H and **Auction** and **Fashion** Activity Activity Booths Showcase Revue Booths 11am-3pm Leather-Noon 11am-4pm 11amcraft 11am-3pm 11am-3pm 1:30pm Activity 1 pm Noon-4pm 2 pm 4-H Verbal Comms. 2-3pm 3 pm 4 pm Crafted! 3-4pm Closing Ceremony 5 pm @ 4:30pm Checkout Silent 6 pm **Ice Cream** Out & Auction Social Cash Out Clean-up after after after Closing Closing Closing 7 pm Ceremony Ceremony Ceremony

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4-H Fashion Revue	Check-in @ 10:30 am Sunday 11 am - 1:30 pm	2nd Floor	Watch our 4-H'ers walk the stage to show off their sewing, consumer clothing, and other wearable projects.
Demonstrations & Activity Booths	Saturday 10 am - 4 pm Sunday 11 am - 3 pm	1st & 2nd Floors	Get hands-on with our 4-H'ers and guest speakers with food & cooking demonstrations, make-and-take dog toys, the 10-year member & senior display, hands-on STEM display, and more!
Silent Auction	Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 3 pm	1st Floor	Bid on items, tickets and coupons to shops and venues around Indiana - can accept payment via cash, check, or credit card.
Leathercraft Activity	Sunday Noon - 4 pm	1st Floor	Join Kayla in creating your very own hand-stamped leather creation.
4-H Project Showcase	Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 11 am - 4 pm	1st Floor	Peruse the 1st Floor of the 4-H Exhibit Hall and check out all of the amazing projects our 4-H'ers have worked on all year.
Crafted!	Saturday 3 - 4 pm Sunday 3 - 4 pm	2nd Floor	Join us at 3 pm Saturday or Sunday to compete in <i>Crafted!</i> (like <i>Chopped!</i>), our mystery-supply crafting competition.
4-H Verbal Communications	Check-in @ 1:30 pm Sunday 2 - 3 pm	2nd Floor	Demonstrations and public speaking will be performed by 4-H'ers on stage while they showcase their verbal communication skills.
Closing Ceremony	Sunday @ 4:30 pm	2nd Floor	Stay for our Closing Ceremony where we congratulate our 4-Her's achievements & announce awards of all events & auction winners.
Silent Auction Cash Out	Sunday after the Closing Ceremony	2nd Floor	Did you win?! If you did, head over to the cash out table after the closing ceremony to pay via cash, check, or credit card.
Ice Cream Social	Sunday after the Closing Ceremony	2nd Floor	Don't rush out! We will be hosting an ice cream social after the closing ceremony to cool down from the long weekend.
Project Check Out & Clean-up	Sunday after the Closing Ceremony	1st Floor	Last, but not least - project check out and clean-up. Please have patience as we navigate the hundreds of projects heading home and feel free to stick around to help clean everything up.