



EXTENSION CONNECTION

Can you believe that November is already half over!!!! It is time to start thinking about getting enrolled for the 2024 4-H Year. We have included the State and County Fair changes for 2024 in this newsletter. Please reach out if you have any questions about the new changes for next year.

The 4-H enrollment period is from October 1–January 15. The earlier you enroll, the more chances you have to participate in club activities, state events, and get the latest information on upcoming 4-H News.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR 4-H & MINI 4-H:

- Enroll online at: <https://v2.4honline.com>
- Come to the Extension Office during office hours (8 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday)

IMPORTANT: If you were in 4-H last year, you are already in the online system *regardless* of how you enrolled (online or paper enrollment).

When you go to re-enroll this year, please **DO NOT** set up a whole new 4HOnline profile. In order to enroll through the online system, you will need to login with your email and password. Call the office if you don't remember your email or need help resetting your password.

Adult Volunteer Re-Enrollment

As a reminder, all 4-H Volunteers must renew their volunteer status with our program yearly by signing an Adult Behavioral Expectation Form. The Youth Safety and Abuse Reporting training that is mandatory for all volunteers must be taken every year.

All Fair changes listed below originated from the after fair survey or producer groups. 4-H members & families were invited to specie producer groups to provide feedback. Those survey suggestions were then presented to the producer groups. Those producer groups voted on proposed changes to present to 4-H Inc. Randolph County 4-H Inc. held two meetings to discuss and make changes for the coming program year.



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IMPORTANT UPDATED STATE 4-H POLICIES

4-H project exhibitions occur through a variety of methods: county fairs, career development events, and other statewide competitive events. The following statewide deadlines will be followed by all county programs annually:

- May 15 – **All animals** requiring 4-H Animal Identification must be identified in 4-HOnline
- July 1 - **FairEntry Deadline.** This is the system where you will enter your classes you plan to exhibit (**ALL** Livestock, Horse/Pony and Husted Hall Project)
- 4-H'ers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) by July 1, 2024.
- **ALL exhibits (livestock, Horse/Pony, Husted Hall) must be entered into FairEntry due July 1st for the county of exhibition. This serves as the “drop/add” deadline for 4-H projects.**
 - Livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing this deadline may exhibit and will have opportunities to receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still participate fully in showmanship classes.
 - Non-livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing the deadline may compete and the highest placing is “blue.”
 - Counties should correct mistakes in classes in FairEntry when mistakes are made by 4-H members.
 - The intent for this deadline is for individuals who make no attempt to complete FairEntry by the county’s selected date. Counties may use their discretion as to the attempt made by individuals.

2024 HORSE AND PONY CHANGES

- 4-H – 661 State Publication rules available for reference at the time of this publication 15th Edition, October 2019
- All Horses and Ponies must be enrolled online through the State Animal ID system by May 15th of each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- To be properly identified and eligible for the Indiana State Fair, all horses and ponies must be completely and correctly identified by a color picture that shows all four feet and faces by May 15 of each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Lease agreement for all horses and ponies must be in place and a copy of the lease should be on file in the Purdue Extension Office in your county of 4-H enrollment or uploaded in the 4-H Online by the deadline of May 15th each year. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- All animals must be in possession of the Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony Member by May 15th of each year. (No animal may be substituted or traded after May 15th of each year). State fair book page 7 under show eligibility #4. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Vaccinations being required for 4-H Exhibition: Eastern & Western Equine Encephalomyelitis, Rhinopneumonitis/EHV type 1 & 4, Equine Influenza, Tetanus, West Nile Virus, and Rabies. ALL members will be required to show proof that the animals being shown received these vaccinations. (Per 4-H-661 state publication) Vaccinations are to be given no later than July 1st of each year to be shown at Randolph County Fair. Members MUST have their current Certification of Completion of Indiana 4-H requirements for the Exhibition of 4-H Horse and Pony (4-H-1031-W) prior to entering the barn. (Required shot record signed by a veterinarian) Veterinarian will fill out the body score section on this form.

2024 HORSE AND PONY RULE CHANGES

- All Randolph County 4-H equine being shown or equine participating in 4-H activities, must exhibit a minimum body score of 3.0 but the preferred body condition score is between 4.0 – 7.0. (See AS-552, AS554, and ID 269 for more information. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Saturday evening – Informational meeting/carry-in (Time to be Announced) at the bottom of the announcement stand.
- Members are allowed to show two equines each year. The two-equine signed up to be shown in the fair for the year MUST be entered in different performance classes.
- If the two equine must be shown in the same halter class, the second equine must be shown by a Randolph County 4-H Horse & Pony member. If another species classes conflict with halter classes other than showmanship another Randolph County 4-H Horse & Pony member may show your equine in halter class for you.
- Mare and Foals will be considered as one equine if shown in the mare and foal class.
- All equines must be shown in a halter or showmanship class by a Randolph County 4-H Horse & Pony member during halter classes on Monday to qualify to enter performance classes or contesting classes during the fair. If the Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony member cannot safely handle the equine in the ring she/he will be excused by the judge from the arena and will not be able to show this equine in any performance or contesting classes during that fair year. (Dress-up class does not count toward halter or showmanship classes).
- ALL 4-H Horse and Pony members are required to wear a properly fitted ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified equestrian helmet whenever mounted, or driving, at a 4-H Horse and Pony event, show, or activity. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- The 4-H member is responsible for seeing that this specified headgear with the approved harness is fastened in place whenever mounted. Original tags must be present in all approved helmets. This policy will apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events, shows, and activities. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- All Randolph County 4-H members will wear presentable attire when handling or exercising their equine when in either arena. T-shirt, polo shirt, blue jeans, heeled boots, and helmet. Unacceptable attire when on horseback cut-out t-shirts, cut-off shirts, tank tops, spaghetti strap tops, shorts, and non-heeled shoes/footwear. ALL undergarments are to be kept covered.
- For the safety of all spectators and exhibitors, all equine is to be kept in the designated Horse and Pony area.
- All equines must be in the barn by 10 PM
- Everyone except for those on barn watch will leave the equine barn at 11 PM when the Randolph County Fair closes. ONLY those on barn watch will be allowed in the barn between 11 PM and 6 AM. (The exception to the rule is if a horse has a known illness or the barn watch crew for the night calls the owner and asks them to come to the barn due to a change in animal behavior or concern for its wellbeing). (Randolph County General Rules Fair Grounds closes at 11 PM).
- No equine is to be ridden, driven or sat on by non-Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony member during the fair. 4-H members can only ride, drive and sit on a 4-H horse or pony that is entered under their Family 4-H Profile in 4honline.
- No Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony members are to be connected or attached to their equine in any manner...No rubber bands holding feet in the stirrups while riding. No Velcro is being used for tying or holding a Randolph County 4-H member in their saddle or in their cart. No ropes tied to the Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony members tethering them to their equine while standing, holding, leading, riding, or driving. Failure to follow the rules can lead to a disqualification for the class.

2024 HORSE AND PONY RULE CHANGES

- Stalls and parking forms are to be turned in to the Randolph County Horse and Pony secretary or the Randolph County Extension office no later than May 15th of the year. Only one trailer site per family during the fair due to limited trailer parking/camping. If trailer parking forms and stall forms are not turned in by May 15th each year you may not have a stall or trailer space. If there are available stalls or trailer parking, you will be assigned a stall and trailer parking from what is available.
- The Indiana 4-H Horse and Pony program considers animals 56 inches and under to be ponies, and animals over 56 inches to be horses. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- The show committee may measure at random any animal of questionable height. (Equine advisor will measure your equine.)
- Equine coming in late or leaving from Randolph County Fair Grounds prior to the dismissal time as designated by Randolph County 4-H Inc. board must request an early release or late arrive by July 1st to 4-H Inc. Any exhibit removed prior to official release without permission of 4-H Club Inc. will be disqualified. Any placings, prizes, medals, trophies, etc. will be forfeited. Also, a one-year suspension for that project will be given to the 4-H member. (Randolph Co. 4-H fair publications General Rules) & (Per 4-H-661 state publication).
- All equine club members will conduct themselves as young ladies and gentlemen. Politeness and good sportsmanship are mandatory, NO EXCEPTIONS, Parents will be expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to set a good example for the 4-H exhibitors and other spectators present. Failure to comply could lead to you being asked to leave the fairgrounds or escorted from the fairgrounds if the behavior continues. (Randolph Co. 4-H fair publications General Rules) & (Per 4-H-661 state publication).
- No saddles, bridles, feed, or hay to be left in the horse barn aisles or open stalls during the fair. (These items will be removed for you to collect from the announcement stand).
- Any emergency not covered in these rules will be addressed by that day's Horse and Pony Show committee and the Purdue Extension 4-H Youth Educator.
- Randolph County 4-H Horse and Pony members are recommended to attend at least one safety meeting and workshop.
- No use of crops (except for English or any breed standard or during contesting classes). Failure to comply will result in disqualification by the judge. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Spurring or striking the equine in front of the saddle/cinch is not allowed. Failure to comply will result in class disqualification by the judge. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Stall cards must be turned in prior to project release and departure from the 4-H Fair. The cleanliness of stalls must be approved by an Adult Committee Member. When the stall is approved a portion of the stall deposit will be returned to the member/parent.
- If any activity or action is believed to be unsafe for a 4-H'er, any person present or the equine, the adult leader will act upon it immediately to correct or stop the activity or action. Safety warnings will be given daily as needed for these actions/activities and addressed as follows: Verbal warning will be given for the first offense of a day but if a second warning is given the member could be asked to put their equine in the barn and loose riding privileges for the remainder of the day.
- No one under the age of 18 is allowed to participate in barn watch at night unless they are with their own parents.
- Corral panel gates are prohibited unless previously approved by Horse and Pony Advisors. All corral panels are to be secured in place with T-Post at each corner. Horses are to be tied in the corral panel holding area.
- When not being worked with all equines are to be tied to member trailer, secured, and tied in a corral panel, or resting in their stall.
- NO equine are to remain in trailers on the grounds at any time once check-in is completed.
- All equine when ridden out of the arenas will be kept at a flat walk. During contesting, riders must dismount before leaving the arena

2024 HORSE AND PONY RULE CHANGES

- To show in a registered class the equine registration paper must be presented at fair entry or no later than 12 PM the day following fair entry.
- If you show an animal as one of the following (Registered, Gaited, Draft, Ranch, Arabian or non-registered) in halter, you must also show in the same category for performance. (Any questions please contact Horse and Pony advisor).
- You will have a two-minute gate call to the holding area for your class. Failure to show up timely can lead to disqualification of your class at the judge's discretion.
- If an adult is lunging an equine during the fair the member must be present.
- Members will all receive a copy of the classes entered on the Fair Entry Website. They must review for errors and write class corrections as needed. Members/parent will need to sign each sheet after reviewing and ensuring the classes are correct. The class sheets must be returned to the Horse and Pony Announcer stand office no later than 12 PM on Saturday. There will be NO changes in classes after 12 PM Saturday except for scratching a class prior to it entering the arena. If you need to scratch a class, do this with the make-up ring attendant, (2) classes before the class you are scratching.
- Once a member has scratched a class it cannot be re-added to a member's class list.
- Ultimate Senior Round Robin Showmanship: Member will represent Horse & Pony in Round Robin. Must be 8th - 12th grade. If you enter and win this class, then decide you do not want to proceed with Round Robin competition you MUST forfeit your award to runner up and they will represent the Horse & Pony in Round Robin.
- Senior/10-Year Rider: Complete the record sheet and turn it into Horse & Pony office by 12 Noon the day after fair entry. Follow Randolph Riders show clothing guidelines, Horse being ridden must be shown in a halter class during the fair. The horse that is being ridden must be entered online as the rider's project horse, according to 4-H requirements.
- Daily Horse and Pony office hours will be posted and announced daily.
- Ponies cannot show in any horse class; Horses cannot show in any pony class. Equine must show consistently as a pony or horse throughout the fair.
- Jr. 4-H members are 3rd – 7th grade. Sr 4 – H members are 8th – 12th grade as of January 1st of that year.
- Judge's decisions that represent his/her individual preferences are not protestable. (Per 4-H-661 state publication)
- Questions concerning rules are to be presented to the 4-H show manager or show steward (Per 4-H-661 state publication), Show Committee for the day represent show manager/show steward during 4-H fair.
- Class attire of allowable or disqualifier are based on the State guidelines (Per 4-H-661 state publication) Will be available on website and at Horse and Office and will be in your yearly folder.
- Mini 4-Her's must have a sign waiver on file and can only ride on Mini Horse and Pony Show Day.

2024 FAIR CHANGES

SWINE

- All swine exhibited shall be farrowed on or after December 1st
- Remove per state fair rules from gilts
- Remove per state fair rules barrows
- Start swine show at 9am
- Randolph County Bred and Owned will check in on Friday during weigh-in at the fair.
- Grand Gilt will be at the end of barrow show.

MINI 4-H

- Mini 4-H posters sizes will now be 22 X 28. Same size as regular 4-H members.
- All mini 4-H building project will be judges on Thursday, July 18th from 4:00-6:00pm



2024 FAIR CHANGES

BEEF/DAIRY BEEF/ DAIRY

- Dairy Beef Steers and Dairy Beef Feeders – add steers will be evaluated and must meet breed characteristics. Breed sift at scales.
- A 4-H dairy beef identified in a particular breed may be changed to the commercial division before final entries are made at the entry table.

SHEEP/GOATS

- Remove bred and owned from the show
- All sheep and goats must go across the scales
 - 15 minutes last call we be given. If you miss weighing in you will not show.
- If any sheep and/or goat gives birth at the fairgrounds it will be sent home. The animals can not stay at the fair due to safety and health reason.
- Remove the Registered Boer goat Show. Moving back to one show

HUSTED HALL BUILDING PROJECTS

- Move all judging start times to 9:00 am.



**Vendors
needed!**

When: December 2nd 9 AM – 5 PM
December 3rd 9 AM – 3 PM

Where: Husted Hall, Randolph County Fairgrounds
Hosted by the Randolph County Dairy Producers

*All proceeds made from hosting the event +
grilled cheese sales will directly benefit the
Randolph County 4H Dairy/Dairy Beef
Participants*

Save The Date

Farmers' Achievement Banquet & 4-H Awards Night!

Feb 1st, 2024

Randolph County Ag Days Festival Save the Date!



Open to the Public!!!



New this year:

- Scheduled Talks & Demonstrations
- Educational interactive displays for ALL ages
- Agriculture related vendors

April 3rd & 4th
2024

Two full days!

Randolph County Fairgrounds
1885 S. US Hwy 27
Winchester, IN 47394

Watch our Facebook page for updates!

For more information contact the Randolph County Extension Office
765-584-2271 or alka@purdue.edu

Indiana 4-H Scholarship

In partnership with the Indiana 4-H Foundation, the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program annually awards more than \$150,000.00 in scholarships to 4-H members to pursue post-secondary education. Scholarships are awarded to recognize youth participating in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program on their achievements and life skill development resulting from their participation in a variety of 4-H experiences.

Below, the different scholarships are listed with brief descriptions.

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.



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