April 12, 2024

Dear Ten Year 4-H Member,

**Congratulations, as you finish your 10th year of membership in the Steuben County and Indiana 4-H Program!** Dedicating ten years of your life to an organization speaks volumes, and I hope you use that to your advantage as you pursue education and/or seek employment in the future. It is my hope that you have participated in a variety of activities during your tenure and learned a number of useful life skills.

Many Educators would tell you, the fair isn’t the only thing that defines a 4-H experience; 4-H happens all year, in a variety of ways. What they say is true, but I know in your eyes (or at least for most of you), nearly every memory of your 4-H experience traces back to the fair and ends up defining the bulk of your 4-H experience

This year, you and 24 others join the ranks of many who have gone before you by being recognized on the “Ten Year Member Display” in the Steuben County Event Center at the fairgrounds, allowing others to celebrate your accomplishments with you.

Please complete the enclosed “4-H Ten Year Member Information Sheet,” either by hand or electronically and return it to jclaudy@purdue.edu or mail to 317 S. Wayne St., Ste. 1A, Angola, In 46703 no later than **May 31st**. The information you provide should highlight your accomplishments and your 4-H involvement. This will be typed and displayed with your 10 year member plaque (and likely highlighted via social media in the near future). Please also include a vertical 5” x 7” photograph of yourself to be displayed. For now, an electronic version will work, but we will want a nice printed version for the plaque at the fair.

Ten year members will be recognized at the Opening Ceremonies on Friday, June 21 at 5:30 pm in Rensch Hall. **Please dress nicely** and gather behind the stage by 5:15 pm for instructions.

**New this year,** graduating members can receive a 4-H graduation cord. Please stop into the office and pick up your cord at any time. Make sure to check your schools’ rules on wearing outside cords.

If you have any questions, please email mosier@purdue.edu.

Sincerely,



Tami Mosier, Extension Educator

4-H Youth Development

[Enclosure]



**Ten Year 4-H Member Information Sheet**

Name

Address

4-H Club

Parents/Guardians

Major Projects Taken In 4-H

Future Schooling or Job Plans

Other Information (church/school/community involvement, hobbies, etc.)

What is the greatest contribution 4-H has made to your life?

Write a short paragraph describing the most important thing you learned from your participation in the 4-H program.

Signed

Please return this information and a **vertical 5 x 7** photograph of yourself (hard copy and electronic, if possible) to jclaudy@purdue.edu or mail to Purdue Extension - Steuben County, 317 S Wayne St.,

Suite 1A, Angola IN 46703 by May 31st.