Benton County 4-H News

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Indiana 4-H Mission
The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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Spring has sprung!

Or at least that's what I thought before BC schools went on Spring Break and the weather took a turn for the worse! With summer quickly approaching there a few updates you need to be aware of. First, please remember that your 4-H animals need to be put into 4HOnline with the proper identification information by May 15th. Inside this newsletter is information on animal ID tags and weigh-ins. YQCA trainings will be coming soon once the transition to the new platform is complete! Lastly, one of my favorite events of the year is 4-H Camp. This year we are back to full capacity and are thrilled to have as many of you as we possibly can. LET'S FILL THE CAMP SITE! Information for registering for 4-H Camp is inside this issue also. I'm excited to be sprinting towards summer events with you all!

Wes Richardson, 4-H Youth Development Educator

4-H Enrollment Fees

Mini 4-H
Grades K-2
$5 payable to Benton County 4-H Council

4-H
Grades 3-12
$15 payable to Purdue University

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If you need assistance with fees, please contact the office.

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Mark Your Calendar

Dates to Remember

Summer Fun

State Jr Leader Conference
June 14 –June 17

4-H Round Up
June 20-June22
Grades 7-9

4-H Acadamy
June 8-June 10

4-H Summer Camp
June 6-June8
Grades 9-12

4-H Band Camp
June 18-June 20

4-H Chorus
June 19-June 21

2022 Project Judging Schedule

Thursday, July 7
4-H building @ the Fairgrounds
Cloverbuds/Mini 4-H
Project Check-in and Judging 5:00-7:00pm

Friday, July 8
4-H Building @ the Fairgrounds
Non-Perishable Project Check-in
4:00pm—7:00pm

Saturday, July 9
4-H Building @ the Fairgrounds
Open Judging 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, July 12
Benton County Annex, Fowler
Consumer Clothing & Fashion Revue– 9:00 am
Sewing Construction Check-in & Judging-11:00 am
Foods, Microwave, Floriculture and Garden
Check-in 1:00pm
Judging at 1:30pm

Visit the Fair

2022 Benton County Fair
July 13– July 17

2022 Indiana State Fair
July 29 – August 21

State Fair Livestock Schedule
https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/

Please check your club's meeting dates as there have been a few changes.

Dan Patch March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12
4:30pm—6:00 pm@ The Oxford Public Library

Fowler's Finest March 31
7 pm @ Fowler United Methodist Church

Helping Hands-April 10, May 15, June 12, July 10, 4pm-5pm Location TBD

Hometown Hubsters-TBA

Horse and Pony April 12 and 25 @6:30 pm 4-H building @ Fairgrounds

Junior Farmers March 6, April 10, May 22, June 26
5:00pm @ Otterbein UM

Lucky Pines March 6, April 246:30-7:30pm @ Fowler Christian Church

Parish Grove March 13- 4:00pm @ Leslie Fisher home
April 9, 4pm @TBD
May 15, 4pm@TBD
June 12 - 7:00pm@TBD
June 26 - 7:00pm @ TBD

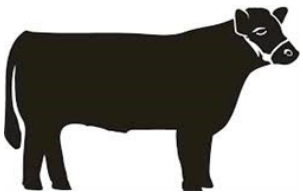
Shooting Sports April 24, May 22 and June 12 @ 1pm
4-H building @ Fairgrounds

Junior Leaders March 5, April 2, and May 7 @4-H Building @ the Fairgrounds
Club meeting from 9:00-10:00am and then assist with Mini 4-H workshop

Mini 4-H (K-2) Meeting Dates
Mark your calendar for the following dates for the Mini 4-H Workshops:

March 5, April 2, and May 7
Workshops will be located at the
Fairgrounds in the 4-H Building
from 10 am to 12 pm

Beef Weigh in and Tagging.
Wednesday April 6th
4:00 pm—7:00 pm
@Fairgrounds



Goat and Sheep Weigh in
Saturday May 7th
9:00 am—12:00 pm
@Fairgrounds

Animal ID Tag Information

REMINDER: You are required to input your 4-H animals into 4HOnline by May 15th, with the necessary identification information. If your animal (beef, sheep, goats) requires a county tag, you will receive it at the designated weigh-in/ tagging date and if that animal needs an RFID tag they will be available also. If you need an RFID tag for an animal that is not required at a weigh-in (i.e. swine) they will soon be available in the Extension Office. Each 4-H member gets their first two RFID tags free, but subsequent tags will need to be paid for. The company that supplies RFID tags is currently experiencing back ups on their production lines like most companies are right now. Therefore, we do not have RFID tags available right now for any animals other than beef. Once we have RFID tags available you will receive an email notifying all 4-H'ers that tags can be picked up at the Extension Office.

4-H Camp

Every year Benton County youth have the opportunity to attend 4-H Camp at Shakamak State Park in Jasonville, IN with youth from Warren, Fountain, and Jasper Counties. 4-H Camp offers youth in grades 3-6 opportunities to learn about the outdoors, wildlife, boating, fishing, team building, food safety, and so much more. It is also one of the first times youth may spend away from home, which is something we do not take lightly as we try to plan the most fun and inclusive camp experience for all youth.

Camp Registration is NOW OPEN!

Camp Price

4-H Members—$85 Non 4-H Members—$100

All camp registrations are being run through 4HOnline. Payments will need to be made via check or cash and turned into the Extension Office. Below are basic registration instructions:

1. Log in to 4HOnline by going to v2.4honline.com
2. Click "View"Click "View" by the member you intend to register
3. Select the Events Tab once you are in their profile and find the event (4-H Camp)
4. Complete the required questions
5. Complete the Health Form
6. Complete Consents
7. Select "Pay by Check"
8. Select "Next" once payment method has been selected and "Finish".
9. Checks are to be made out to the Benton County 4-H Council and turned in to the Extension Office by May 15th.
10. Congratulations you've registered for 4-H Camp!

YQCA
YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

In order to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry or rabbits at the Benton County Fair and/or The Indiana State Fair, 4-H members are once again required to become Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Certified.

There are four age groups within YQCA and these refer to the age of the youth as of January 1, 2021. Juniors-age 8-11; Intermediate-age 12-14; Seniors-age 15-18 and Young Adults-age 19-21. Youth of any age may opt to obtain their certification by completing on-line trainings. These certifications are good for one year and cost $12.

YQCA trainings will be offered in-person in Benton County SOON. Last month you were notified that YQCA was moving platforms and all of our current trainings needed to be cancelled because current YQCA certifications would not be able to be accessed once the platform switched over. Instructors across the state are working on getting their certifications transferred over so that we can facilitate in-person trainings. Once instructor access has been obtained, in-person YQCA training dates and times will be announced to Benton County 4-H members and you will be able to register for the trainings online on the new website yqcaprogram.org.

Once trainings are live all Benton County 4-H members will receive an email via 4HOnline with registration links, dates, and other necessary information. If you have any questions about your YQCA certification status contact Wes Richardson at the Benton County Extension Office.

Thank you all for your patience and cooperation.

Premises where cattle, swine, sheep or goats are housed must be registered with the Indiana Board of Animal Health. This rule applies to everyone from very large livestock facilities to a barn where a 4-H member is housing one or two goats. A location only needs to be registered once. If the premises changes owners, the ID stays with the location.

You can apply for a premises ID at www.in.gov/boah.

If you need to verify or be reminded of your premises ID, inquire by email at animalID@BOAH.IN.gov

2022 Project Manuel Requirements

MANUAL CHANGES

Beginning this program year, the project completion requirements, regarding manuals, have changed for several projects. Manuals will still be provided as educational resources to youth but not all projects require manuals or manual activities to complete the project. Below is a list of manuals that are required for completion and not required for completion.

Specifically, livestock manuals are no longer required to completed and turned in to barn superintendents. The Benton County Livestock Record Sheet must be completed and turned in. Every project has a designated record sheet that must be turned in with the project at the respective project check-in date. The required record sheet for each project can be found the in the 2022 Benton County 4-H Handbook.

If you have a question on whether or not your manual needs to be completed, please consult the 2022 Benton County 4-H Handbook for the project guidelines. If you are still unsure, please call the Extension Office at (765) 884-0140.

REQUIRED MANUALS

Beekeeping
Child Development
Collections
Computers
Consumer Clothing
Electric
Forestry
Geology
Health
Jr. Leaders
Recycling
Sewing
Small Engines
Soil and Water
Sportfishing
Vet Science
Weather
Wildlife
Woodworking

MANUALS NOT REQUIRED

Aerospace
Aquatic Science
Bicycle
Cake Decorating
Cats
Crops
Cupcake Decorating
Dog
Do Your Own Thing
Entomology
Farm Toy Scene
Floriculture
Foods
Garden
Genealogy
Home Environment
Microwave
Photography
Shooting Sports
Pets
Scrapbook
Scarecrow
Sports
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Hopeful Horseman
Pumpkin
Crafts
Exploring My World
Wind

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BENTON COUNTY
COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

A note from the 4-H Council….

We recognize there are many members who spend countless hours working on their projects and participating in 4-H activities each year, who will take home no more than a ribbon from the fair. We value their hard work, and have developed an incentive program to reward all 4-H members' efforts.

The 4-H Council has established this program to provide financial incentives for project completion and involvement. The chart to the left explains the incentives that are available this year, based upon grade level.

The 4-H program has always strived to provide our members opportunities to be college and career ready after high school. In that spirit, these incentives will be in the form of contributions to a 529 college savings account. These tax-advantageous accounts are a great tool for families to save for college…which can include trade schools, com-munity college, and 4-year schools.

Our incentives are a compliment to the Benton Community Promise that helped open 529 college savings accounts for over 400 local Kin-dergarten-3rd Grade students this past fall. The total investment be-tween families and community dollars was $58,185 in just three short months!

We know that the mere existence of an account, regardless of balance, greatly increases the hope of the child and is a large predictor of their college success. Think of this program as a 4-H scholarship that could add up to nearly $500 during a member's 4-H career!

ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE

Every 4-H member who provides the 4-H Council with the Ugift code for their CollegeChoice 529 account will receive a $10 enrollment incentive into their 529 account; funded by a grant from Benton Community Foundation.

The code must be submitted online at www.extension.purdue.edu/benton by June 15th to qualify for the incentive.

COMPLETION INCENTIVE

Once a 4-H member has provided their Ugift number to the 4-H Council, they are eligible for the completion incentives below. These are based upon the 4-H program year of October 1-September 30.

The completion incentive will be distributed into the 529 account by October 31, following the most recently completed 4-H year. These awards are not cumulative. A member may qualify for a single level, based upon their level of involvement.

Incentives will be based upon tracking by club leaders, food stand chairpersons, and online tracking of 4-H activities.

STEP BY STEP GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Open each 4-H member a 529 college savings account at www.collegechoicedirect.com
or through a financial advisor.
It only takes approximately 10 minutes to open the account online.

You will need to have available…

- Account owner's birthdate and social security number
  (owner is typically a parent or guardian)
- Account beneficiary's birthdate and social security number
  (beneficiary is the 4-H member)
- Bank routing and account number for the required initial $10 deposit.

Submit the Ugift* code for each member's account to the 4-H Council by June 15th to qualify for the $10 enrollment incentive. May be submitted online at www.extension.purdue.edu/benton. Enrollment incentives will be deposited directly into 529 accounts as soon as possible.

*For your security, please do not submit your child's actual account number. The Ugift code can be found under the "View and Invite Savings with Ugift" heading in the left sidebar of your account's online portal.

Review the list of Completion Incentives with your member and help them set a goal for which level they wish to achieve.

Get to work on those 4-H projects and take full advantage of all the program has to offer! Your time in the 4-H Food Stand during the fair covers the cost of 4-H manuals and diminishes the need for a county membership fee.

Watch your college savings grow!
Those who earn a completion incentive will automatically see that money deposited into their 529 College Savings account by the end of October.

Have questions or need assistance?
Contact the Extension Office at 765.884.0140

Grade	Requirements	Incentive
3-6	**Bronze** 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	$20
	Silver 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer 2 hours in the 4-H Food Stand	$30
	Gold 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program Year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer 2 hours in the 4-H Food Stand Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop	$45
7-12	**Bronze** 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	$25
	Silver 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program Year Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer 4 hours in the 4-H Food Stand	$45
	Gold 4-H member must attend 3 club meetings through 4-H program Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th Volunteer 4 hours in the 4-H Food Stand Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop	$55

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At Purdue University, we are empowering students to direct their own futures through the free

PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,

which makes higher education more affordable for all.

WHAT

Many promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway to Purdue University.

THROUGH THE PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.

HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT $11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER $21,000**

LEARN MORE

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at **purdue.university/faststart**, or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3333**.

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