

CONFERENCES, TRIPS AND WORKSHOPS

4H Academy at Purdue

A three day workshop for youth in grades 9 – 12 of the current year on Purdue campus in June. Youth will learn about the science, healthy living and citizenship. Plus, they will have the chance to interact with Purdue and industry professionals and meet friends from across Indiana. See specifics below.

- ✓ **Animal Science:** Hands-on learning experiences dealing with science of
 - **Food Animal 1** – beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep and goat production.
 - **Food Animal 2** – swine, poultry, rabbit and aquaculture production.
 - **Horse and Companion Animal** – horses, dogs, cats, llamas and zoo animals.
 - **Animal Health** – Issues related to the health and well-being of all animals including disease diagnosis and prevention, biosecurity, zoonotic diseases and public health.
 - **Animal Bio-Science** – Focus on how biotechnology is used in the animal industries and how breakthroughs in discovery science have enhanced animal production.
- ✓ **Citizenship in 4H: Start Local..Go Global**
- ✓ **Food Science and Nutrition:** Join Purdue faculty in their laboratories to find out how corn is processed to make cheese puffs, why juice in juice boxes does not spoil, how low-calorie food is made, and how the look of food affects your taste perception.
- ✓ **Healthy Living** – Exploring Health Careers and New Introduction to Emergency Medical Services.
- ✓ **Natural Resources**
- ✓ **Plant Science**
- ✓ **Show Me the Money:** Learn the essentials of financial management from the best network of financial professionals in the state. Experience a full day of Where Does Your Money Go® adventures at vendor locations in Lafayette. Come away with new tools to make your financial goals become a reality!
- ✓ **Spread the News!:** Journalism and communications.
- ✓ **STEM it UP!:** Expose students to new & exciting areas/careers related to science, engineering, technology and math, & real-world applications. Delegates will see the role technology plays in their lives, while also exposing them to the many educational & career opportunities with fun hands-on activities & much more! Limit: 25 delegates per section:
 - Computer Science
 - Electric
 - Engineering
 - Robotics
 - The Science of Flight

Youth should apply in early March. The awards committee selects participants.

CAMP

4-H Camp is a fun activity. It is usually held in June. 4-H'ers between grades 3 - 6 can participate in Camp Tecumseh activities including: swimming, canoeing, songs, cookouts, crafts, nature and much more. 4-H'ers from Carroll County get a chance to meet 4-H members from other counties. Applications and health forms are available at the Extension Office. Any 4-H'er that is in grade 9 or higher may apply to be a camp counselor.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Participants must be 15 years or older. An exciting experience for 4-H members and other youth of senior high school age to go to the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring and touring combine to provide a deeper respect and understanding for our American heritage and the principles, processes and structures of the U.S. government. The trip to Washington, D.C. will be made by Purdue charter bus. Selection of participants will be made by the 4-H Awards Committee through an application process.

Young people acquire increased motivation and skills for dealing with contemporary social issues and for taking leadership in community development, government affairs, and related projects when they return home. Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary issues and topics such as international affairs, human relations, government, ecology and conservation, family life and dating, community development, drama and creative expression, economics, agriculture policy, leadership, and careers.

In addition, advanced training sessions are scheduled to provide in-depth concentration on one topical area such as community development, heritage, economics, politics, environment and ecology, human relations, communications, family life and dating, advanced citizenship-seminar policy, and others of current interest.

INDIANA 4-H YOUTH CONGRESS

This event, held once a year, has four objectives:

1. Create an incentive program to retain youth, grades 9 - 12 in the Indiana 4-H program.
2. Provide significant scholarship opportunities to 4-H'ers in areas of program/activity/accomplishments.
3. Provide leadership/achievement role models for young 4-H'ers.
4. Create a focal point for the Indiana 4-H Foundation and the Indiana 4-H program.

JAPAN EXCHANGE

Exchange usually takes place mid or late July to mid or late August. Each delegate or leader spends one month with one host family. This is a two-way exchange program with Japan. 4-H members travel to Japan in even-numbered years. Japanese youth come to Indiana every year. Basically a self-supporting program. Host family covers meals and lodging, but delegate pays incidental expenses for the trip and provides own spending money. Cost of going to Japan varies according to option selected, one-month home stay or two-month program which includes language school. A volunteer county coordinator manages the program in each participating county in cooperation with Extension Youth Educators.

Objectives:

- Learning how other people live by actually living with them;
- Learning to appreciate another country's culture and traditions;
- Interacting with a foreign language; and
- Being an "ambassador" for Indiana and the United States.

JUNIOR LEADER CONFERENCE, STATE 4-H

The program focuses on developing leadership, understanding of group dynamics and an awareness of self and others. It is carried out with the guidance of Junior Leader Council Members elected at each conference to conduct next year's program. Participants are selected by the Awards Committee through an application process. Recommended for 4-H'ers in grades 9 - 12.

JUNIOR PORK DAY

Designed to help 4-H swine members, parents, and leaders on selecting project pigs, evaluating live hogs, carcasses, and pork cuts; identifying pork cuts; raising healthy pigs; managing breeding animals; and showmanship. This is usually held in March.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HORTICULTURE ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

15 - 19 year olds who are members of NJHA are eligible; winners in horticulture judging and demonstrations; and one each from the following areas of NJHA: production and marketing, experimental horticulture project, environmental beautification project, achievement and leadership. For classification of contestants in judging program, see State 4-H/FFA Ag Judging Handbook. This is an educational trip to the annual meeting of NJHA. Most delegates will be competing in the national contests while there. (See "Program of Projects and Activities" published by NJHA).

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

- To help selected youth and adults develop to their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development outside their states and at national levels.
- To assist states in the further development of a system for involving youth, volunteers, and professional staff in 4-H program planning in their states.
- To provide an opportunity for Conference delegates to update elected and appointed government officials, national associations, donor groups, etc., on current developments in 4-H programs at national, state, and

local levels.

- To provide an opportunity for inputs of youth, volunteers, and professional staff into National 4-H Program Development Committee deliberations.
- To provide a system for an exchange of 4-H programming ideas among states at a national gathering of delegates from each state.

Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due Dec. 1st, with the trip being held in April. Sponsors: Indiana Extension Homemakers, Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc., Indiana 4-H Foundation and State 4-H Department.

NATIONAL 4-H DAIRY CONFERENCE

4-H'ers enrolled in the dairy project may be nominated. Delegates will be selected on the basis of achievement. The delegates should meet the following requirements:

- 4-H dairy members grade 10 and above.
- Should have an outstanding record of 4-H accomplishments with major emphasis on dairy animal projects.
- Should have the ability to make a real contribution to the conference and be capable of bringing inspiration and information back to their home county.
- Cannot be an exhibitor in the World Dairy Expo or participant in National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest.
- Will not be permitted to attend this conference more than one year.
- Must provide their own transportation to West Lafayette.
- Must stay throughout the entire conference.

NATIONAL 4-H YOUTH CONGRESS

This event is held once a year, with the following objectives.

- To offer new and stimulating educational experiences for 4-H members;
- To motivate 4-H members to greater effort and to recognize their achievements;
- To provide opportunity for industrial, agricultural, and educational leaders to contribute cooperatively to the development of young people; and
- To focus public attention on the values of the 4-H program in developing competent, dedicated youth for service to a democratic society.

Selection is based on the National 4-H Youth Congress Form due January 15th.

ROUND-UP

A three-day conference held annually at Purdue University during late June. The program is developed to interest about 1,200 club members, youth who have completed the 7th and 8th grades by June (must be 12 years of age by event), and to inspire them to continue in 4-H work. In addition delegates can:

- Experience in-depth "action learning" in specific interest areas.
- Develop leadership abilities and stimulate individual growth.
- Learn about educational opportunities of college life.

They are selected by the Awards Committee through an application process.

STATE 4-H BAND

Delegates are chosen through written application. Must be at least entering grade 8. Special application forms must be completed by the 4-H member and band director. Final selection is made by the state 4-H band director. Band members attend an intensive workshop and perform on the last evening of this session.

STATE 4-H CHORUS

4-H'ers must be at least entering grade 8. The group attends an intensive workshop and performs on the last evening of this session. Membership is by application only.