



A HEADS UP

LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H E-NEWSLETTER

FROM THE EDUCATOR

Hello 4-H Families!

We recently hosted our New Member Orientation, and it was so beautiful to see how excited these families are about our program and to get them connected to clubs that fit their interests.

I encourage to take a page from their book and continue engaging with your club for this new and exciting year. We have a lot of programming on the horizon, so we want to be sure you are watching the new things coming out through emails and newsletters.

If you have an interest and need help getting plugged in, be sure to reach out to our office.

We also have some new leadership opportunities coming down the way with Presidents' Circle, and some program changes for livestock members (YQCA). So check out this newsletter and stay tuned.

Best,

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NOW WHAT?

Welcome to Lawrence County 4-H! We now have resources for new 4-H Members and their families posted on our website. Be sure to check them out at <http://bit.ly/4HNewMember>

We want to help find the best opportunities for you in our program. Feel free to call (812) 275-4623 or stop by the office to get your questions answered.



2023 Lawrence County 4-H Fair Schedule

Mark your calendars! 4-H Fair week is July 8-15, 2023. You can find a printable schedule (including judging activities the week before) as well as more details on our website at <http://bit.ly/LC4HFair>.

REMINDERS & UPDATES

Manuals

Project manuals are full of resources to help you with your 4-H project. The 4-H Council officers these free to our members. To receive your manuals, fill out the survey at https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_exKswl4DCkRPsHA. They will be distributed at your March Club meeting, or ready for you to pick up at the office on the day you specified. If you want to pick them up from the office, please give us 3-4 days notice, so they will be ready when you arrive. Some information on manuals can be found on the projects page of the Indiana 4-H website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>. Keep in mind that County Only project information will not be available there. Please check the Lawrence County 4-H Handbook for more details (<http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>). Be aware that our system does not tell us every time you add or drop a project, so if you feel like you are missing a manual, let us know. We may have pulled manuals for you before you made changes.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE HANDBOOK?

The 2023 Lawrence County 4-H Handbook is almost ready online to help you ensure your exhibits are ready. You can find it by visiting our website at: <http://bit.ly/LC4HHandbook>. The Handbook went through a big overhaul this year, so not all changes are noted in red. Be sure to read all of the pages relevant to your projects, including the general information sections. Reach out to the Extension Office if you have questions.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Update- Quality Assurance Certification

All youth exhibiting Beef, Dairy, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, or Swine now have more options for completing their annual Quality Assurance Certification. Indiana 4-H Educators are no longer offering YQCA trainings, and we will be offering Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care sessions. Sessions will be offered in-person (dates to be announced in March). Cost will still be \$3 per session, and registration will take place through 4HOnline. Those that need YQCA for other shows, or prefer to complete an online course can still complete YQCA and it will be accepted for Lawrence County 4-H and Indiana State Fair.

For those completing the online YQCA course, please reach out to the office, and we can provide you with a code for \$3 off your course. Visit www.yqcaprogram.org to complete the class online.

OPPORTUNITIES

Presidents' Circle

4-H Club Presidents, Vice Presidents & past Presidents watch your emails for an invitation to join Lawrence County 4-H Presidents' Circle for 2023!



Trip of the Month: State Junior Leader Conference

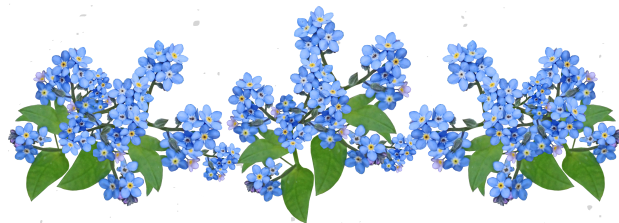
Open to all 4-H members in grades 9-12, one of the best leadership development opportunities is Indiana 4-H State Junior Leader Conference. The 2023 edition will be the best yet! The conference will be held June 13 – June 16 at DePauw University in Greencastle. This year's conference theme is "Leadership Under Construction". Register by May 15. More details available at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/junior-leader-conference.html>

Project of the Month: Floriculture and Garden

Now is a great time to be thinking about the Floriculture and Garden projects. It is a good time to order seeds or test out starting seeds indoors before the weather warms.

You can find more resources at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html>

These are some of the most flexible projects that let youth explore what they like (and what works out to grow). Think you don't have room in your yard for these projects? Think about reserving a plot in the Bedford Community Garden through the Bedford Parks Department. Contact their office by phone to reserve a spot today, 812-279-6555.



IMPORTANT DATES

Tagging/Weigh-In Schedule

This mandatory event for most of our animal projects will take place on May 13 at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds. Each species that has a weigh-in/tagging will be expected to attend this date. Excluded animals are cats, dogs, horses, poultry, and dairy calves that are not born by this date. These will have separate dates they must attend. Be on the look out for more details about the schedule and processes.

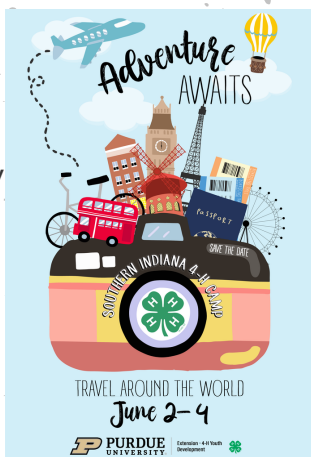
Steer Weigh-In & Identification

Beef and Dairy Beef Steer/Cattle identified at the February 26 tagging, don't forget, you have until May 15 to enter the information in 4HOnline.

4-H Camp: Save the Date

Join us for a adventurous weekend at the Southern Indiana 4-H camp held June 2-4!

4-H Members in grades 3-8 are invited to attend this fabulous camping experience. Camp will be at Country Lake Retreat Center in Clark County. Registration will open March 15 and be due May 1. Partial Camp Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis, so watch for



more details at <https://bit.ly/StDate4HCamp> and in your email. We hope to have a great weekend traveling 'Around the World.'

Babysitter Training SPARK Club

Looking to be a great Babysitter and make some extra cash? Registration is OPEN for our upcoming Babysitter Training, March 21-23. Educators from Purdue Extension-Lawrence County are partnering with IU Health to bring this program to our community. SafeSitter Certification Provided. Registration deadline: March 9. Cost: \$75 per person. Register online at 4HOnline.com. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/BecomeABabysitter>



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Supplies

Needing some special supplies for your project? Remember the Extension Office sells appropriately sized boards and plastic sleeves for \$4 per set. We have both regular size and photography salon size. We also have electric kits, entomology boxes, and vials. Just stop by with cash or check.

4HOnline: Double Check your Record

Now that you have completed your enrollment through <https://4HOnline.com>, we recommend you bookmark the site. You will use this site throughout the year to do things like:

- Drop/Add projects (until May 15)—to be eligible to exhibit a project at the fair, you must have in on your 4HOnline profile by this date. *If you decide to drop or add projects, email McKayla or Tammy with your changes.
- Identify your animals—no more paper forms!
- Animal Identification can be completed after January 15 and must be completed by May 15.
- Sign up for trips and activities

We recommend double-checking your record to ensure all of your information is there. If the 4-H member has an individual email address and wants to receive their own email messages, be sure their email address is listed on their record. Let us know if we can help you get your settings the way you want them.

Additionally, if you are having any trouble using 4HOnline, please contact the Extension Office, 812-275-4623.

2023 Indiana State Fair

Information on the upcoming 2023 Indiana State Fair will be available closer to the middle of March 2023. Information regarding Competitions and Contests, when available, can be found at <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/competitions--contests>



Record Sheets

Reminder: record sheets are not required if you are exhibiting something at the fair. If you are not exhibiting and plan to turn in a record sheet for completion, the record sheet needs to be signed by your leader and submitted to the Extension office by you, not your club leader. You are not required to turn your entire record book in at any point. If you do give your record book to someone, it is your responsibility to get it back.

CLUB LEADERS/VOLUNTEERS

In Search of Volunteers

SPARK Clubs and Project workshops are a fantastic way to work with youth, and they only take a few hours of education time with our kids. Whatever works for your schedule is what works for a SPARK Club or workshop. We are currently looking for some volunteers to assist in SPARK Clubs and Project workshops we are planning for the coming year. Please reach out to Lesley if you have any interest in the following topics. For some we need teachers and for others we just need assistants or those wanting to learn more.

- Arts & Crafts
- Food Science
- Photography
- Mini 4-H
- Board Game Design (with life lessons included)
- Pressure and Slow Cooking
- Cookie and/or cake/cupcake decorating
- Anything else you can think of!



Club Leader Meetings-Save the Date

These meetings are open to anyone, but remember each club must have at least one representative. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 14 and May 15. We will begin at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office, and we will have guests visiting with us meeting.

MINI 4-H CORNER

Mini Day Camp- Save the Date

Mini Day camp is back for 2023! Save the date for June 19 & 20! Be watching your emails for additional information coming your way! We can't wait!

Mini Workshop- May 6

Save the Date for the upcoming Mini Workshop Day! This learning opportunity is brought to Lawrence County 4-H from its Junior Leaders! They have big things planned!

Be sure to watch your emails for additional information pertaining to this day and its activities.

Mini 4-H Updates

New this year, a committee of volunteers have been working to revamp the Mini project manuals to help better the program. Those will be available to pick up from the Extension Office soon. Also new this year, the required poster size for all Mini 4-H Projects has been changed to the 16" x 20" Salon Board.

CONGRATS & THANK YOUS

Indiana 4-H Day at the State House

The Indiana 4-H Day at the State House event had an outstanding turnout! Out of the 200 Indiana 4-H youth who attended, Lawrence County had five 4-H members take part in this learning opportunity and represent our county in a positive and professional manner!



Superior STEAM 4-H Club- Robotics CTF Team Advances to WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

On February 25th, several FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) teams from Lawrence and surrounding counties competed at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds for a chance to compete at the WORLD Championship in Houston, Texas in April. There were a total of 28 teams in attendance from all across Indiana.

CTF—which stands for Certified Tech Freaks and is a reverse on the acronym for FTC—placed 28th out of 28 teams in Robot Game; however, they are the first team to advance to the WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP because they won the INSPIRE AWARD. The INSPIRE AWARD “...is given to the Team that best embodies the ‘challenge’ of the FIRST Tech Challenge program.



Limestone Robotics

Congratulations to the Lawrence County 4-H Limestone Robotics Coach in being awarded the Coach/Mentor Award through FIRST Robotics! We are honored to have you as a part of our 4-H Volunteer family! Keep up the good work in inspiring our young people!



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HEALTH

CALENDAR

Deadlines & Dates to Remembers:

- **Lawrence County 4-H Fair: July 8-15**
- **4-H Club meeting dates can be found on our website: extension.purdue.edu/lawrence**
- **Club Leaders--Be sure to let us know when you meet, cancel, or change meeting dates!**

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