

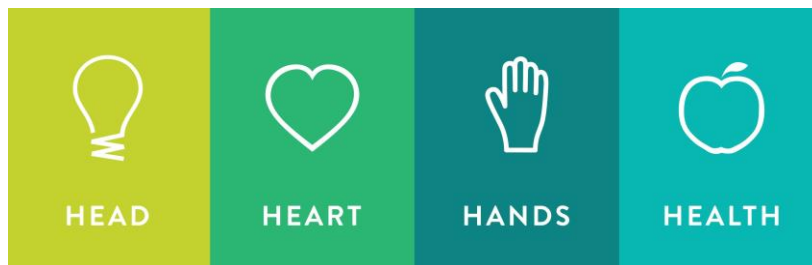


# 2020 – 2021 RUSH COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_



## The Purpose of Junior Leaders

Junior Leaders is a group for any youth enrolled in grade 7 or higher on January 15, 2021. New members are always welcome at meetings and we highly encourage you to bring a friend, whether or not they are currently enrolled in 4-H! The purpose of joining Junior Leaders is to become a part of a group of youth who strive to be better through serving those around them, committing themselves to learning, and holding themselves to a standard of behavior centered on the values of the 4-H pledge. Also, to have a lot of fun while we do it!

## 4-H Junior Leader Expectations

Serving as a 4-H Junior Leader is an honor, an opportunity and a responsibility. 4-H Jr. Leaders are expected to:

1. Set a good example by your own club and project work. Help mentor younger 4-H members and enable them to experience and succeed in the same opportunities that you have had in 4-H program.
2. Work with your Extension Educator, Adult Leaders, other 4-H members, and community members to develop your leadership skills and improve life for those around you.
3. Plan your work and then work your plan.
4. Stay with the job until it is done.
5. Be friendly, honest and unselfish.
6. Be an advocate for and friend to ALL other youth. develop your ability to work with others, make new friends, and become a leader in your community.
7. Participate in and help to develop a local and county 4-H Club program.
8. Use good judgment, practice courtesy and respect others' opinions.
9. Play fair, lose without complaining, and win without boasting.
10. Never ask someone to do anything you are not willing to do yourself.



# Rush Co. 4-H Junior Leaders



## 2020-2021 Program Info & Calendar

Welcome to the new 4-H Program Year! I am so excited for the chance to start a new year in Rush County 4-H, one that I know is going to be better than the last. This year in Junior Leaders we will be living in the new normal that you are all probably tired of hearing about, with safety plans, social distancing, sanitizing, and more. With that being said, we will be doing new and exciting things in Junior Leaders and working HARD to stay together with in person events and gatherings. Its going to be fun!

**Meetings** will take place every second Tuesday at 6 pm in the Root Building unless notice is given otherwise. For now, we will not be having pizza due to Covid-19 safety measures but instead will have prepackaged snacks and drinks at each meeting. We will be socially distancing at meetings and **each youth needs to bring a mask for any times when we cannot socially distance**. As with all 4-H events, if school is cancelled for any reason we will not have a Junior Leader meeting that day.

## 2020-2021 Meeting Dates

Oct 13

Nov 10

Dec 8

Jan 12

Feb 9

Mar 9

Apr 13 (Flower Sales also this month)

May 11 (probably flower pickup)

June- no meeting, Food Stand preparation and Fair

July- Joint pool party date to be announced

**Program Topics**-beginning in November of this year we will be focusing on Social Justice at our Junior Leader meetings, using the *Just In Time Equity Dialogues for Youth* curriculum developed by Extension specialists from across the Midwest. I am so excited about this awesome program designed to foster honest questions with youth about social justice issues. It contains invaluable information that will help them become better community and world citizens and increase their future employability. If you have any questions about this, please contact me at any time.

**Service Projects & Fundraisers:** Service Dates and events will be decided at meetings and may look different this year than in past due to Covid safety measures. At this time we are planning to have our flower sale with pickup dates in late April/Early May and to be able to have our food stand up and running at our in-person fair this year!

**Signups** for ALL service events and fundraiser shifts will be done through the website [signupgenius.com](https://signupgenius.com). You will receive invitations to sign up for any events in the email account associated with your 4-H online account, so make sure to check that frequently (including spam folders!). Event information is also always given out at meetings and listed on the agenda, so parents please review that if you need more information, or call me at any time (765) 932-5974.

## COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

The Junior Leader year starts October of 2020 and continues through August of 2021. To complete the Junior Leader project, you need to do all 4 items listed below. **Please read carefully as the requirements re different than in past years; this year no record sheets will be turned in.** We will instead conduct a survey at the end of the program year, and Junior Leader attendance and activity participation will be tracked by the Extension Educator. If you have questions, please call 765-932-5974.

1. Attend at least 50% of meetings. For this year that number will be 4 meetings. (a maximum of 2 meetings may be made up through other approved activities such as another community or school involvement or service).
2. Participate in at least 1 Service Leadership activity. This activity can be completed at any time, and does not have to be provided through Junior Leaders, but must be approved by the Extension Educator if it is not.
3. Work at least two food stand shifts at the County Fair, and actively participate in Junior Leader Fundraising activities, including flower sales. We ask that each Junior Leader strive to sell at least 100 flowers.
4. Complete end of the year survey. This will be given at the last meeting, and also emailed out to all members. This will take the place of the completion of record sheets

## **Opportunities for Junior Leaders**

Throughout the 4-H year educational events, trips opportunities, and Indiana 4-H scholarships will be shared with the Junior Leaders. I try and share these opportunities as many times with youth as I can; they are listed on each meeting agenda and paper copies of applications and flyers are brought to each meeting. We also share them on the Purdue Extension Rush county and Junior Leaders Facebook page, in quarterly 4-H newsletters, via social media, and email. Coming up this winter/spring there will be 4-H Camp Counselor trainings, a Scholarship Workshop, the Global Gateway trip to Michigan and many more. These opportunities are amazing and we are lucky to have a 4-H Council that provides financial assistance to 4-h members. Please consider applying!

### **RUSH COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADER SCHOLARSHIP**

One Junior Leader per year receives a scholarship. The amount of the scholarship awarded will be determined by the Rush County Community Foundation. The Junior Leader Club may elect to contribute to the amount given.

To be eligible for the scholarship youth must be:

- A resident of Rush County. Residence is defined by maintaining a permanent address in Rush County, or being claimed as a dependent by a Rush County resident. A small number of RCCF Scholarships are open to non-residents; this is indicated on the Scholarship Cover Pages.
- Graduating senior intending to begin or continue coursework in post-secondary education within the calendar year of the application deadline.
- A current member of the Junior Leaders with at least 4 years in good standing.

Scholarship selection is made by the scholarship committee and is based on:

- Outstanding 4-H work and Junior Leader work, leadership, and service.
- Letters of Recommendation & Grades

To apply, submit the following to the RCHS Guidance Office, or the Rush County Community Foundation by February 2021:

1. Each applicant must provide a copy of Form 1040, Page 2 for tax year 2019 for the parent(s)/guardian(s) who claimed applicant on taxes for that year.
2. The paper Application. Download the fillable PDF application. Please submit only one original and two copies of your complete application. Incomplete or outdated applications will not be considered. You must include your current official transcript with your application. We will not accept unofficial transcripts. (One original and two copies.)
3. Cover Page and required Attachments. Download and print the cover page from RCCF's website: All individual cover pages for available scholarship funds can be found by reviewing the "Scholarship" selection under the "Funds" tab. The required attachments are as follows:
  - A. List of 4-H projects completed and participation in Junior Leader activities with dates.
  - B. Two Letters of Recommendation, one of which must be from your adult Club Leader. (Cannot be completed by the Extension Educator. If you are not a member of another club you may use another adult volunteer from the program for the second letter).

*Recipients will be notified by the Rush County Community Foundation.*