



JASPER COUNTY 4-H

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NEW 4-H GLOBAL YOUTH CITIZENSHIP SPARK CLUB OPPORTUNITY!

Today's youth graduate into a world with fewer boundaries and greater opportunities for interactions with people from different cultural backgrounds and perspectives than ever before. The Global Youth Citizenship SPARK Club is for youth in 6th – 12th grades that are looking to develop their international thinking skills, gain a sense of self, and exhibit social responsibility. The club meetings will focus on lessons organized into four phases of building cultural knowledge and skills. Those four phases include Exploring, Stretching, Challenging, and Connections.

The club will meet six times during late spring and early summer in the Community Building at the Jasper County Fairgrounds. The meetings will be an hour long beginning at 6:30 pm CST and the meeting dates are:

April 12th	April 26th	May 17th
June 1st	June 17th	June 29th

Enrollment in the club is limited to the first 20 youth to complete the enrollment process. To enroll in this club experience, visit the 4Honline enrollment website to join at <https://v2.4honline.com>. There is a \$20 fee to join the Jasper County 4-H program. Enrollment in this club is free to currently enrolled 4-H members. If you have questions about how to enroll or would like more information please contact Anna Williams at the Purdue Extension Office (williaak@purdue.edu or 219-866-5741).

2021 4-H BEEKEEPING ESSAY COMPETITION—DUE MARCH 15TH



Sponsored by: Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees

4-H Youth are encouraged to participate in the 2021 National 4-H Essay Contest. This year's topic is "Immunity: Threats to Bee Colonies and Methods to Defend Against the Threats". Honey bee colonies have developed many ways to stay healthy. Their immune responses range from

behaviors such as grooming to using materials such as propolis, a plant-derived substance bees coat on the interior of a hive for antimicrobial purposes. Even the gut of the honey bee contains beneficial bacteria to help the bee stay healthy! 4-H members' essay must name at least two threats to honey bee colonies and then discuss the methods colonies use to defend against the threats.

More information about the essay competition and how to enter can be found on the 4-H Beekeeping web page at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/project.aspx?proj=46>.

STATE & NATIONAL 4-H TRIPS APPLICATIONS

Our Indiana 4-H State office is working diligently to provide State and National 4-H Trip and workshop opportunities for our members in 2021. Typically, this time of year is when our Jasper County 4-H members submit their application of intent to attend. However, we do not have the adequate information to ask for those submissions yet. Please be paying attention to your emails in the upcoming months for notification regarding the various 4-H Trips and Workshops as they become available. For a list of past years events, visit the Indiana 4-H page at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/opportunities.aspx>

Upcoming Jasper County 4-H Events – Save the Dates!

****All events are tentative and subject to change****

Mini 4-H Workshops

5:30-6:30 pm cst - Fairgrounds
April 13th May 11th

Mini 4-H Day Camp

June 19th

Beef & Dairy Finished Steer ID

April 10th

Area 9 Jr. Leader Retreat

April 17th

4-H Camp

June 6th – 8th

(4-H Camp Registration Instructions will be announced in April)

Friendly Reminders

- You must sign up for 4-H every year that you choose to be in the program.
- After enrolling, and your account is still listed as pending (pending means you chose to pay by check but still haven't), please pay your \$20 yearly fee ASAP
- If your enrollment is showing incomplete (Incomplete means that there was a problem with your credit card, and payment is still owed OR that you simply didn't not submit your enrollment at all), please pay your \$20 yearly fee ASAP
- The fee can be paid by visiting the Extension Office, dropping it off in our drop box, or simply mailing the payment to our office. We can accept cash or check with all checks should be made out to **Purdue CES Ed Fund**.
- Unfortunately, the child is not considered enrolled in 4-H until this fee is paid.

4-H GERANIUM FUNDRAISER

We are excited to once again sell geraniums as our 4-H program fundraiser for 2021. We are selling single geraniums in red, white and “shades” of pink and red geranium hanging baskets. Please note baskets are still only red.

- **SINGLE (Red, White, or Pink) GERANIUMS..... \$1.50 EACH**
- **RED GERANIUM HANGING BASKETS..... \$15.00 EACH**



The sales of these geraniums help us provide our 4-H members with all their manuals, ribbons and awards, sponsor 4-H members to attend trips and workshops, and many other opportunities. I encourage all 4-H members to make a good effort to participate in our fundraiser as the benefits come back to the 4-H members!

Your 4-H Club leader will inform you on what date they will need the order forms and funds turned into them as they work to turn them into the Fundraising Committee. Order forms can be received from your club leader or you may contact the extension office.

Geranium pick up will be on Saturday, May 8th from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM CST at the Fairgrounds in the SHOW ARENA.
An adult representative from each club is responsible for the distribution of their orders.

Thank you all for your continued support and efforts to raise funds for our 4-H program!



To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals. This is an annual program that can be completed via online modules or in-person trainings. More information about YQCA is available at <http://yqca.org>.

The goals of having 4-H members complete the YQCA program include ensuring that:

- Youth will be more prepared to be ambassadors for animal agriculture in their role as youth livestock exhibitors.
- Animals from youth livestock programs are treated with the utmost care.
- 4-H members are contributing to a safe, wholesome food supply.

This course may be completed online, fee of \$12.00, or completed in-person, fee of \$3.00. This is an annual training and it is highly encouraged to have this completed before animal check-in at the fair to ensure you can exhibit your animal projects. (if applicable).

There will be an online test out option for youth in the intermediate, senior, and young adult categories. Those individuals wishing to test out must meet the following criteria, please read carefully:

- This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12), senior (age 15) and young adult (age 19). There is no test-out option for juniors. At the bottom of the “Course List” page are the test-out options for these age levels.
- The test consists of 50 questions and requires a pass rate of 80% or better for certification.
- If passed, the certification will last through the end of a user’s age level (intermediate – ages 12, 13 and 14; senior – ages 15, 16, 17 and 18; and young adult – ages 19, 20 and 21.)
- The intermediate and young adult test-out course will cost \$36 (\$12 x 3 years of certification) and the senior test-out course will cost \$48 (\$12 x 4 years of certification.) If passed, users will receive access to online modules that correspond with the age levels indicated above, found on the user’s “My Library” page.
- Users will have one chance to take the test-out option. If they fail, they will not be provided another opportunity for that level of certification. If the youth passes, payment for the completed test out course will be required after the completion of the test. No payment is required to attempt the test.
- Participants attempting and not passing will be prompted to take the instructor-led training or web-based training annually.
- Jasper County will be offering 3 different in person training dates with maximum of 50 attendees given the current guidelines. If those guidelines change in the upcoming months that limit may change. All attendees are required to wear a face mask/covering.

April 6 th	5:30-6:30 PM CST	Community Bldg, Jasper Co Fairgrounds
May 4 th	5:30-6:30 PM CST	Community Bldg, Jasper Co Fairgrounds
June 15 th	5:30-6:30 PM CST	Community Bldg, Jasper Co Fairgrounds

You MUST be pre-registered to attend these trainings. Any further questions can be directed to Anna Williams at 219-866-5741 or williaak@purdue.edu