

Small Farms Clinic

Have you thought about starting your own small farm or agricultural business in 2016? Do you already have a small farm or agriculture business in existence? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then the Area Small Farms Clinic might be something you should take part in.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, there will be an Area Small Farms Clinic in Rockville at the Parke County Extension Office. You will have the opportunity to attend two different sessions focusing on fundamental topics. You will select one session for each hour of the program.

For the first session, you have the option of attending a seminar with Cara Bergschneider, Monroe NRCS District Conservation, over Season Extension & Maintaining Soil Fertility in High Tunnel or you can learn from Tracy Branam, a longtime vendor at the Bloomington Community Farmers Market, with his seminar over Native Indiana Fruits: What Can Be Grown That Encompasses The Entire Growing Season?

During the second session, attendees can hear from One Planet Solar of Terre Haute on Alternative Energy Sources or participate in a Beginning Aquaculture seminar with Bob Rode, Aquaculture Research Lab Manager with Forestry & Natural Resources.

The Area Small Farms Clinic will be from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Parke County Extension Office (1472 N US 41, Rockville, IN 47872). Registration for this event is required by Friday, April 8 to ensure adequate materials are available for all attendees. Registration costs are \$5 per family, which is due at the door. To register, please contact the Purdue Extension Putnam County via phone at 765-653-8411 or by email at smith535@purdue.edu

Visit our homepage at www.extension.purdue.edu/putnam or you can contact the local Purdue Extension Office by calling 765.653.8411 for more information regarding this week's column topic or to RSVP for upcoming events. It is always best to call first to assure items are ready when you arrive and to RSVP for programs. While many publications are free, some do have a fee. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution. All times listed are Eastern Time.

Upcoming Events:

March 22- Little Lady Health Awareness Spring Break Camp, Fairgrounds 10:00 AM

March 24 – Understanding the Business Side of Ag, Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM, \$5 per family,
Register at 765-653-8411

March 24 – QuickBooks Webinar, 12 Noon – 1 PM, register at
<https://ag.purdue.edu/Extension/wia/Pages/webinars.aspx>

March 28 – Bigger Profits through Targeted Sales, Parke Co. Fairgrounds, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM,
\$20, Register at 765-569-3176

March 30 – Pasture/Hay Workshop, Parke Co. Fairgrounds, 6-8 PM

April 12 – Small Farms Clinic, Parke Co. Fairgrounds, 6-8 PM, \$5 per family, Register at
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