

Starke County 4-H Family Guide



Your Guide to the
4-H Program
in Starke County

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in Starke County 4-H! This booklet is designed with YOU in mind to help you learn more about 4-H, what we do, and who we are. Regardless of whether you live on a farm or in a town, have one hobby or many, like doing things by yourself or with others, 4-H has something to offer.

The Starke County Extension Office is located at 108 North Pearl Street, Knox, IN 46534. We offer informal, educational opportunities in agriculture, community development, health and human sciences, and youth development. As Extension Educators, we work to provide you with the latest scientific information in production of animals, management of resources, helping families make life more livable, and developing individual talents through leadership training. Our office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. We are closed on county holidays.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact us at our office. Our telephone number is (574) 772-9141. We welcome the opportunity to make your participation in our programs an enjoyable one.

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Welcome to Starke County 4-H

We want to extend a warm welcome to you and congratulate your family for choosing to make 4-H a part of your life. 4-H is a youth development program that is a part of the United States Department of Agriculture and administered in Indiana by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Locally, the Starke County office of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service administers the Starke County 4-H program, with input from the Starke County 4-H Council. The 4-H Council is charged with overseeing the 4-H program by establishing policies and administering the 4-H program.

Included in this family guide is information we hope will be helpful and will provide the tools necessary for your family to have a positive start with your 4-H career. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this information.

Office Hours and Location

The local 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator manages the county 4-H program on a daily basis. Feel free to use any of the means listed below to contact us with any questions that may arise throughout the year.

The Purdue Extension - Starke County Office is located at 108 North Pearl Street, Knox, IN 46534.

Office Hours are: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Closed County Government Holidays

Phone – (574) 772-9141

Voice mail is available during non-business hours

Visit the Extension Office web site at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke for information about Starke County 4-H.

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Purpose of this Guide

This guide is intended to help families new to Starke County 4-H become familiar with our program. It should serve as a valuable resource for members and parents to better understand the terms, structure, and operations of the 4-H program. While some families new to Starke County 4-H may have transferred from another county, it is important to understand that each county in Indiana has their own unique program. Please do not hesitate to contact the Extension Office at any time throughout the year. The Extension Office staff is here to serve your educational needs and we want your family to be successful in our local youth development program.

What is 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service?

4-H is a non-formal educational program provided by the United States Department of Agriculture and is delivered through its Cooperative Extension Service. The Cooperative Extension Service is administered in Indiana through its land grant university, Purdue University. CES offers educational programs in the areas of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Health and Human Sciences, Community Development, and 4-H Youth Development. In Starke County, Extension Staff receive program direction and support from the Extension Board that is comprised of a cross-section of people throughout the county.

4-H provides youth in grades K-12 educational programs through their participation in project and club related activities. Starke County 4-H offers programming through more than 60 different projects and has 16 community 4-H clubs. 4-H project workshops provide members with technical training that each member needs to be successful not only in discipline, but also with life-long technical skills. 4-H club work provides members with life-long leadership and social skills that will be of benefit to every member in career preparation.

Purdue Extension's Mission

We deliver practical, research-based information that transform lives and livelihoods.

The Indiana 4-H Program Philosophy & Expectations

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development program serves the youth of Indiana by providing a strong educational youth development program. This program delivers educational experiences in a variety of settings. Caring, capable, and contributing adults assist in the 4-H program as role models for youth. The rich heritage of the 4-H Program is one to be valued and passed along to future generations.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Policy and Procedures Handbook includes certain standards and guidelines to assure that 4-H is a positive youth development program. County 4-H policy is guided by the county 4-H policy making or governing board (i.e. 4-H Council) as provided by the County Extension Board. Legal authority for the 4-H program rests with the Director of the Cooperative Extension Service at Purdue University. No county 4-H policy may conflict with state 4-H policy or with federal guidelines and requirements.

Deadlines for county and state participation should be carefully constructed so as to encourage rather than to discourage participation. Such deadlines should be well published. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied the opportunity to exhibit.

It is the policy of 4-H to be an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from either membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H Youth Development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement.

4-H Mission and Vision

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Equal Opportunity/Equal Access

It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, disability or status as a veteran. Purdue University is an Affirmative Action institution. This material may be available in alternative formats.

Enrollment Eligibility/Membership/Residence

Youth may become regular 4-H members when they enter the third grade and may continue their membership through completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) years. To read exceptions, please see the “4-H Club Membership” section of the Starke County 4-H Resource Handbook available online at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke or at the Extension Office.

NOTE: 10 years of membership in the 4-H Youth Development Program is an opportunity – not an entitlement. Those youth who do not enroll as 3rd grade students or meet the exceptions above, conclude their involvement with the program during the summer immediately following the completion of their senior year in high school.

An individual’s 4-H grade is determined by the school grade in which he or she is classified at the time of year he or she enrolls in 4-H. A member does not advance in 4-H grade until he or she enrolls in 4-H for the subsequent year. Each member should enroll in the division of a project that would best suit his/her interest and potential for personal growth and would enhance their family involvement.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development program year is October 1 to September annually. Enrollment is an annual process attained by completing individual 4-H enrollment via the 4HOnline enrollment process. Statewide 4HOnline enrollment occurs annual from October 1 through January 15.

Indiana youth typically enroll in 4-H Youth Development in the county or state in which they reside. However, individuals living in one county **may** join 4-H in another county. There may be educational or social reasons for an individual joining 4-H in a different county than that of their primary residence. During a single calendar year, a 4-H member enrolled in a given project is expected to enroll and exhibit that project only in one county of enrollment.

In the event that a project is not offered in the county of primary 4-H enrollment, a 4-H member may enroll in that specific project in a different county. Approval of this special exception rests with the county 4-H Extension Educator. Participation in 4-H related activities and events must be in the county of primary 4-H enrollment.

Age for Membership

4-H membership is open to all boys and girls in Starke County who are currently in grades 3 through 12. Youth may participate a maximum of ten years in regular 4-H. All young persons in kindergarten, first and second grades may participate in the Exploring 4-H program.

Exploring 4-H

Kindergarten – 2nd grade

Exploring 4-H is a fun, exciting activity for youth in Kindergarten through second grade at the time of enrollment. As a family, you decide what 4-H Club your child would like to belong to and the project they would like to take. The Starke County 4-H Program has project manuals for all of the areas of interest open to Exploring 4-H members. Your child will select only one project each year. We encourage the Exploring 4-H member to explore a different project each year, so they can gain new skills and knowledge in a variety of subjects.

An “Exploring 4-H Fun Day” will be held each summer at the fairgrounds. Parents are encouraged to attend this with their children. At the fun day the members do a craft, play games, enjoy a snack or meal, and have fun!

Annual 4-H Enrollment/Re-Enrollment

Enrollment is an annual process completed online at 4HOnline, in.4honline.com, from October 1-January 15th. After January 15, contact the Extension Office. Regular 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3-12 for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. Exploring 4-H is open to youth in grades Kindergarten-2nd. 4-H members may drop or add projects through 4-H Online or by calling the Extension Office, through May 15. There is a \$15 state 4-H program fee, payable at the time of enrollment for 4-H members in grades 3-12.

Cancellation Reminder

All Extension meetings, including 4-H meetings, are cancelled if school is dismissed or cancelled due to the weather. This applies if only one of the three Starke County school corporations cancel classes due to the weather. Announcement of the a cancellation would be made at each of the schools, on our Facebook page (Purdue Extension Starke County), our website (www.extension.purdue.edu/starke), and on WKVI.

What is 4-H?

4-H is an extracurricular, volunteer led, family-oriented program.

4-H is activities for boys and girls in grades 3 through 12 (regular 4-H) and grades K-2 (Exploring 4-H).

4-H is for urban as well as rural youth.

4-H helps young people develop life skills. A life skill is an ability that one can use in everyday life. The basic life skills are:

1. Building self-confidence.
2. Developing an inquiring mind and making decisions.
3. Setting and meeting goals.
4. Relating to other people.
5. Developing a concern for the community.
6. Developing leadership skills.

EMBLEM

The 4-H emblem is the four-leaf clover with the letter “H” on each leaf.
The Hs stand for Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.



MOTTO

“To make the best better.”

This should be the objective of every member and volunteer.

SLOGAN

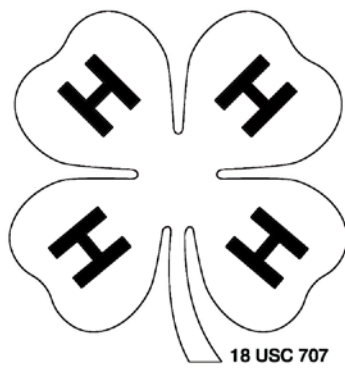
“Learn by Doing.”

COLORS

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green: Nature’s most common color is emblematic of springtime, life and youth. White: Symbolizes purity and high ideals.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my HEAD to clearer thinking
my HEART to greater loyalty
my HANDS to larger service
my HEALTH to better living
for my club, my community, my country, and my world.



Starke County 4-H Dress Code

The dress code will be enforced at all formal 4-H events (livestock shows, awards programs, working on behalf of Junior Leaders, etc.) where members are serving as a public representative of the 4-H program.

Because the dress, grooming, and manners reflect the general climate of any organization, all 4-H members will dress in a manner appropriate for exhibition and have a neat and clean appearance. Livestock exhibitors/sellers will wear suitable footwear (no sandals or open-toed shoes), with boots recommended. Exhibitors/Sellers will wear full length shirts (no care midribs or cut-offs). Halter tops or 'muscle' shirts are not allowed. Shirts need not have full stand-up collars, but plunging necklines, spaghetti straps, and bare backs are not allowed. Animal project superintendents and/or Extension Educators have the discretion to determine if exhibitor/seller does not meet this dress code. This applies to any clothing item or excessive accessory. Anyone not following the clothing guidelines will be asked to changed clothed or cover the clothing with a T-shirt. Failure to comply will result in the 4-Her losing the privilege of exhibiting and/selling that animal in that class. It is the responsibility of adult 4-H leaders and parents to advise 4-H participants on dress and program content expectations, and to guide them in making appropriate choices.

Ways that 4-H Parents Can Help:

1. Learn about 4-H: what it stands for, how it operates, how it is funded.
2. Advise your child in selecting 4-H projects.
3. Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
4. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
5. Encourage your 4-Her when he/she succeeds and provide even more encouragement when he/she fails.
6. Be an example! Help your 4-Her to be a good sport, and appreciate the successes of others.
7. Keep informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family. Visit your profile in 4H online regularly and read the **Clover Connection Newsletter** and other mailings your 4-Her will receive.
8. Be a 4-H booster in your community. Support 4-H by sponsoring awards for 4-H members. Contact the Extension Office if you are willing to sponsor a 4-H Fair trophy or another award for 4-H.
9. Make 4-H Club work FAMILY work, but, let the youth do their own work and carry their own jobs to completion.
10. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested. Or, provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Don't wait to be asked; just volunteer this help!
11. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
12. Help your 4-Her find a way to participate in special events that interest him/her such as county camps, Fairs, displays, or shows.
13. Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts and leadership.
14. Offer your services to assist the local leaders. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
15. If the need arises, help find local leaders for your 4-H Club. Several kinds of leaders are needed: organization, project, and activity leaders. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself. Volunteer applications are available in the Extension Office.
16. Remember that the real object of 4-H is to develop our youth into finer citizens. The way they work on projects, participate in meetings, and conduct themselves at competitive events, etc., will help set work and character standards for the rest of their lives.

Who's Who in 4-H

Regular 4-H member	Any child currently in grade 3 through grade 12 who is properly enrolled in 4-H annually and meets the club requirements.
Exploring 4-H member	Any child currently in Kindergarten through grade 2 who is properly enrolled in 4-H annually.
Club Leader	An adult volunteer who is responsible for the organizational aspects of the 4-H club.
Project Superintendent	A volunteer who answers questions a 4-Her may have about a project. This person is often a 4-H parent with special expertise in a particular subject area. The Project Superintendent names and telephone numbers are found in the 4-H Resource Handbook.
Junior Leader	A 4-H member who is in grades 7 through 12. The Junior Leader year runs from January through July. The group has monthly meetings, performs community service projects, and sponsors various events.
Parents	Important to the success of the child in 4-H. Parents are ENCOURAGED to attend club meetings as well as county-wide events with their child.

County Level

All 4-H volunteers go through a stringent screening process which includes a background check before being allowed to work with 4-H members.

4-H Council	4-H Council is the short name for the Starke County 4-H Club Council, Inc. The 4-H Council meets monthly and is the policy-making organization for Starke County 4-H. There are eighteen volunteers on this board. They are representatives of three districts made up of the townships in the county. 4-H Club Leaders, 4-H parents, and Business/Organization representatives make up those elected. In addition, there are representatives from 4-H Club Leaders, Fairboard, Livestock Committee, Extension Board, and 4-H Junior Leaders.
Extension Educators	They are professionals who help to carry out the 4-H program and serve as a source of research-based information. Our county has three educators – a Health and Human Sciences Educator, an Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, and 4-H Youth Development Educator. The Extension Office is located at 108 North Pearl Street, Knox, IN 46534. The telephone number is 574-772-9141. Email addresses for staff are on page 4 and are also on website at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke . Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. The office is closed on county holidays.

State Level

Purdue University	Purdue is the land grant college in Indiana that has the responsibility for taking education to the people of the state. The 4-H program is part of that directive in all 92 Indiana counties.
State 4-H Program	The State 4-H Program Leader has the responsibility for 4-H Leader programming at the State Level. The 4-H Program Leader is based at Purdue University.
State Specialist	State Specialists have responsibility for the 4-H program on a statewide basis. Each one has a specific part of the total 4-H program. They are based at Purdue University and are under the direction of the State 4-H Program Leader.
Indiana 4-H Foundation	This nonprofit organization works to provide additional resources for the 4-H program. They sponsor scholarships, funding for county and state programs, finance the State 4-H Leaders recognition, trips for outstanding youth to National 4-H Congress, as well as underwrite the cost of many 4-H trips offered on the state level. They also sponsor the 4-H license plate program. Contact the Extension Office for information about license plates for your vehicles.

4-H CLUBS

There are fifteen 4-H Clubs in Starke County. Each club has at least one leader. Leaders are a great resource for information. The names of the clubs and the leaders are:

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4-H clubs meet once or more each month, from the fall until the Fair.

4-Hers may belong to any 4-H Club in the county. Residence does not restrict club membership. However, most 4-Hers belong to the club closest to where they live or attend school.

Each club elects officers from the club membership. The officers conduct the business portion of the 4-H club meeting.

Starke County Clover Connection Newsletter

This newsletter is sent to every 4-H home in Starke County. It is called **the Clover Connection Newsletter**. The newsletter contains information about meetings, project workshops, 4-H projects, fundraisers, animal identification and other timely 4-H news! This newsletter is mailed to members through the US Postal Service bulk mailing system. It is also on the Extension Office web site at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke.

4-H Mailings

The Extension Office tries to effectively communicate with 4-H families in several ways. The **Clover Connection** is one way, but other information that needs to be delivered in a timely manner is mailed first class in an envelope with the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service return address. Regardless of how you receive the information, please read the information immediately so that important deadlines and opportunities are not missed.

Web Site

The Extension Office maintains a web site at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke. It is updated frequently. It is a way for the office to be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 4-H newsletters and other useful information are available on the web site. There are also links that provide educational resources to the 4-H members and their families.

4-H Projects

4-H projects are learning experiences for the 4-H members. 4-H members must sign up for at least one project each year and complete the records for that project. A member is encouraged to exhibit at the Fair as part of their project completion.

Some projects are divided by grade, while others are divided by the number of years of participation in that project. Grade is determined by the grade the member was in at the time of enrollment, or the school year preceding the Fair.

4-H members may add or drop projects until May 15th. To add or drop a project, please contact the Extension office at 574-772-9141.

4-H Resource Handbooks

Each 4-H family will receive a 4-H Resource Handbook when they receive their 4-H project manuals. The Handbook has the information members need to know about what their Fair exhibit should include. The 4-H Resource Handbook is also found on the Extension Office website at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke.

Members may also ask the project superintendent about the project as well as the completion and 4-H Fair exhibit requirements for that project. 4-H Project Superintendent names and telephone numbers are included in the 4-H Handbook.

4-H Project Manuals & Record Sheets

Most 4-H projects have manuals that give in-depth information for that project. Starke County 4-Hers will complete the record number of activities and record sheet for each of their 4-H projects. 4-H Club Leaders are to sign your 4-H manual/record sheet prior to turning it in with your 4-H project. Certain projects require Record Sheets, 4-H Manuals, or both to be turned in when you bring your 4-H project to the fair for judging and exhibition. Please refer to the "Record Sheet & Project Manual Guidelines" on the front cover of the Starke County 4-H Resource Handbook for the full list. It is important for 4-Hers and parents to read the 4-H project manuals thoroughly. They are full of good information that will help your child learn to prepare an exhibit for the 4-H Fair.

My Record of 4-H Achievement

White forms labeled "My Record of 4-H Achievement" (4-H 620-W) should be filled out completely each year. These are available from 4-H Club Leaders and the County Extension Office. It is important that these be filled out accurately in order to remember what you have done in 4-H and to apply for trips, awards and scholarships throughout your 4-H career. The white copy of "My Record of 4-H Achievement" is turned into the Extension Office each year. Be sure to update your information every year.

4-H records should be filled out as completely and accurately as possible. Parents may oversee the child's work, but we expect the child to do his or her own writing.

An example of how to complete the "My Record of 4-H Achievement" is found near the end of this publication.

Project Selection

Members enrolling for the first time will take a minimum of one project. As a member gains knowledge and experience, the scope of the project may be increased and additional projects might be selected. A brief explanation of each project is included in this 4-H Family Guide. Members may also ask the project superintendent about the project and the requirements for that project.

The project work is the core of the 4-H member's experience. Successful project completion results in member satisfaction and expansion of future project work. The learning experiences one obtains through his or her project could even lead to career/vocation possibilities.

4-H Fair Judging

Projects exhibited at the 4-H Fair will be judged. Below is a tentative judging schedule.

Tentative 2018 Starke County Fair Judging Schedule

Thursday, June 28th	Community Judging (Knox Middle School)
8:00—8:30 a.m. Check-in	Fashion Revue
8:45 a.m.	Fashion Revue judging
8:00—8:45 a.m. Check-in	Foods, Foods Preservation, Microwave Foods, Create with a Mix
9:00 a.m.	Foods, Foods Preservation, Microwave Foods, Create a Mix judging
9:30—10:00 a.m.	Check-in Sewing
10:00 a.m.	Sewing judging
9:30—10:00 a.m.	Check-in Beg., Int., & Adv. Consumer Clothing
	Judging will begin after Fashion Revue Judging
By 2:30 p.m.	Pick up all exhibits except canned food after judging is completed
Tuesday, July 3rd	Exhibit Building, Starke County Fairgrounds
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building for <u>ALL</u> projects <u>EXCEPT</u> Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects (check-in Friday, see below).
Thursday, July 5th	Exhibit Building, Starke County Fairgrounds
8:30-11:30 a.m.	Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building for <u>ALL</u> projects <u>EXCEPT</u> Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects (check-in Friday, see below).
1:00 p.m.-?	Judging for the following projects: Basic Crafts Creative Writing, Reading, & Music Fine Arts & Needle Arts Gift Wrapping Home Environment, Christmas Ornament, & Recycling Models, Rockets, & Architectural Models Personality, Health, & Child Development Scrapbooking Collectibles & Heritage

Photography
Woodworking

Friday, July 6th Exhibit Building, Starke County Fairgrounds
8:30-11:30 a.m. **Project Check-in @ Exhibit Building for Cake Decorating, Cupcake Decorating, Floriculture, Garden, Crops, & Strawberry projects only.**
1:00 p.m.-? **Judging for the following projects:**
Cake Decorating & Cupcake Decorating
Floriculture
Garden, Crops, Strawberries

Friday, July 6th Exhibit Building, Starke County Fairgrounds
1:00 p.m.-? Judging for the following projects:
Aquatic Science, Vet Science, Entomology, Geology, & Bicycle
Forestry, Weather, & Wildlife
Farm Toy Scene & Horseless Horseman
Shooting Sports & Sport Fishing
Sports, Genealogy, Memory Book, Ach. Resume Electric

The FairEntry Exhibit Tag

Every 4-H project exhibited in the Exhibit Building at the Starke County Fair will have an entry tag printed from FairEntry attached. The tags will be available in June/July from your 4-H Club Leaders or from the Extension Office. The Exhibit entry tag is to be securely attached to the exhibit in a visible place. The Exhibit entry tag is to be placed in the lower right hand corner (as you are looking at the poster) of poster exhibits.

Ribbons

4-H uses the Danish system of ribbon awards. In this system, the ribbon placings are defined as follows:

Champion of any kind.....Outstanding work
Blue HonorVery good work
Blue..... Above the average of the group
Red..... Average
White..... Below the average of the group

Awards & Trips

Awards are given to 4-H members at the Annual 4-H Achievement Night held in the fall. Project achievement awards are selected for each project. The Awards committee looks over your 4-H project manuals and record sheets to select the top 4-H member for each project based on book work. Other awards including Key Club, Junior Leader completion pins, top Achievement, Citizenship, and Leadership member awards are also presented.

Some 4-H members are eligible to apply for trips taken during the summer. Most of the trips take place during June and July. The Trip and Award Application is mailed to all 4-H members during March. Eligibility information is included in the Trip and Award Application.

Completed applications are due to the Extension Office on April 1st. 4-H Camp Counselor applications are mailed in January and due February 16th. 4-H camper registrations are due May 1st in the Extension Office.

Activities & Events

Each club will have special activities for their club members throughout the year. In addition, there are county-wide events in which a 4-Her may participate.

Project Workshops - A variety of workshops in different project areas are offered each year. Be sure to read your **Clover Connection** and check out our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/starke to know what workshops are offered.

Achievement Program - The 4-H Achievement Program is held on a Monday evening in November and is a time to recognize the accomplishments of 4-H members and volunteers.

4-H Camp

This three day, two night camp takes place each summer and is open to 4-H members in grades 3-6. The 4-H members participate in many outdoor activities as they learn by doing. We camp at Camp Mack in Milford, IN with 4-Hers Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, and Marshall Counties. 4-Hers in grades 7 & 8 may apply to be Counselors-In-Training (CIT). Those in grades 9 and above may apply to be Camp Counselors.

Summary of County Projects

The following is a listing of the projects which you may take if you enroll in a 4-H Club in Starke County. For additional information contact one of the 4-H Club Leaders or the Starke County Extension Office.

Please note that the descriptions listed below are general descriptions of the beginning divisions and are not intended to serve as an overall description of the entire project.

ACHIEVEMENT RESUME: Create and exhibit a cover letter, resume, and your record of 4-H Achievement.

AEROSPACE: ROCKETRY – Construct and exhibit a model rocket.

AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR – Learn to care for and safely operate tractors and machinery. Participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.

AQUATIC SCIENCE – Learn to care for and raise tropical fish. Exhibit a poster about what you learned at the fair!

ARCHITECTURAL MODELS – Use your imagination to create your exhibit for the fair from Legos, K-nex, and other types of building blocks.

ARTS & CRAFTS – Make and exhibit a craft item in one of these areas: Basic Crafts, Fine Arts, or Needle Craft.

BEEF – Learn how to care for your beef animal and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.

BICYCLE – Learn about bicycle parts, maintenance, safety, and more. Exhibit your poster at the 4-H Fair!

CAKE DECORATING – Learn how to decorate cakes. You will exhibit a decorated cake at the 4-H Fair!

CAT – Learn how to care for your cat. You will show your cat at the Cat Show.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT – Learn how to care for children. Exhibit a poster or display at the 4-H Fair.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT – Create an ornament from mostly natural materials. Exhibit the ornament at the 4-H Fair!

COLLECTIBLES – Exhibit and share your collection

CONSUMER CLOTHING – Learn to make good decisions when you buy clothes. You will exhibit your purchase(s) and notebook, and participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

CREATE WITH A MIX – Learn more about nutrition and how to prepare food from already created mixes.

CREATIVE WRITING – This project is designed to give 4-H members a fun opportunity to explore or refine their writing skills beyond school and to display their creativity.

CROPS – Raise one or more of the following: Alfalfa, Corn, and Soybeans. Exhibit your crop(s) at the 4-H Fair.

CUPCAKE DECORATING – Express your creativity and learn how to decorate standard size cupcakes for your 4-H Fair exhibit.

DOG – Feed, train and care for your Show your dog at the Dog Show.

ELECTRIC – Find out what electricity is and how to use it safely. You will exhibit something you have made.

ENTOMOLOGY – Collect different insects, learn their names, and exhibit them at the 4-H Fair.

FARM TOY SCENE – Build a model depicting a farm scene and exhibit it at the 4-H Fair.

FLORICULTURE – Learn all about growing indoor and outdoor flowers. Exhibit what you have grown, or designed at the 4-H Fair.

FOODS – Learn more about nutrition and how to make things your family will love to sample!

FOODS: FOOD PRESERVATION – Learn the most up-to-date methods of preserving food.

FORESTRY – Learn all about trees, wood and its uses, and much more.

GARDEN – Grow and exhibit vegetables from your garden.

GENEALOGY – Trace your family history and learn more about your ancestors.

GEOLOGY – Learn more about different rocks and minerals. Prepare a collection for the 4-H Fair.

GIFT WRAPPING – Find out how to wrap gifts in new and different ways!

GOAT – Learn how to care for your goat and to keep records. Bring your goat(s) to the 4-H Fair.

HEALTH – Explore health practices and careers and make a poster for the 4-H Fair showing what you have learned.

HERITAGE – Restore an old item for exhibit or clean up and repair an original item such as toys, hand tools, tractors, lawn tractors for exhibit at the 4-H Fair!

HOME ENVIRONMENT – Explore ways to make your living area more attractive through color and texture.

HORSE & PONY – Learn to care for your horse or pony and to keep records. Bring your horse or pony to the Fair.

HORSELESS HORSEMAN –Join this project to learn more about horses like their breeds and markings, safety, horst parts, grooming and more!

LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTOR – Learn to operate and care for compact tractors. You will participate in the Tractor Operator Contest.

MEMORY BOOK – Prepare and share your record of achievement similar to a scrapbook of the previous 4-H year's activities!

MICROWAVE COOKING – Learn how to prepare everything from simple snacks to complete meals. Exhibit a product you have made at the 4-H Fair. 2018 will be the last year for this project!

MODELS – Construct a model to exhibit at the 4-H Fair!

MUSIC – Learn about music composers, music of a country, and more! Exhibit your project at the 4-H Fair!

PHOTOGRAPHY – Learn to take great pictures. Your exhibit will be a display of picture(s) you have taken.

POCKET PALS – Exhibit your pocket pal during the show at the fair! Exhibit a poster at the fair dealing with a topic related to your pocket pal!

PIGEON – Care for your pigeons and learn to keep records. Bring your pigeons to the 4-H Fair.

POULTRY – Care for your animals and learn to keep records. Bring your chicken(s), turkey(s), duck(s), and geese, to the 4-H Fair.

RABBIT – Care for your rabbits and learn to keep records. Bring your rabbit(s) to the 4-H Fair.

READING – Read books for different subject areas and share your report at the 4-H Fair.

RECYCLING – Create an item that has been recycle from not new materials. Display your exhibit at the 4-H Fair!

SCRAPBOOKING – Preserve your memories in an organized and creative way. Your memories might include family, school or 4-H.

SEWING – Learn to Sew! Make something to wear or something for your home. You may also participate in the 4-H Fashion Revue.

SHEEP – Care for your sheep and learn to keep records. Bring your sheep to the 4-H Fair.

SHOOTING SPORTS – Participate in these disciplines: Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Outdoor Pursuits, or Muzzle loading. Prepare an exhibit for the Fair!

SPORTFISHING – Learn about the sportfishing topic and share your knowledge on a post at the 4-H Fair!

SPORTS – Learn about different sports more in depth and display your poster at the 4-H Fair!

STARTER CALF – Learn how to care for your starter calves and to keep records. Bring your animal(s) to the 4-H Fair.

STRAWBERRY – Grow and exhibit berries from your strawberry patch.

SWINE – Care for your swine and learn to keep records. Bring your pig(s) to the 4-H Fair.

VETERINARY SCIENCE – Learn about animal health and disease. Your exhibit will be a poster.

WEATHER & CLIMATE SCIENCE – Learn how to observe the weather and record what you observe. Your exhibit will be a poster.

WILDLIFE – Learn about animals, their habitat and diet. Exhibit a poster.

WOODWORKING – Learn to build things with wood while using the tools safely. You will exhibit an item you have made (a birdhouse or tool box, for example).