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April Appreciation

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! We appreciate all of our volunteers that help make our 4-H program so awesome! Be sure to thank a club leader, 4-H Volunteer, mentor, helper, etc. this month for their dedication to the 4-H Program.

We will be doing some fun activities throughout the month to celebrate our volunteers including celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week (see page 2 for more details). Our Jr. Leaders have been hard at work preparing for the 3rd annual 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Event. Mark your calendars for April 16th! The night is sure to be “magical!”

Thank you to those families who visited The Tie Dye Lab in Avon over Spring Break to help raise funds for the Hendricks County 4-H Program (and get a really cool 4-H shirt!). If you are still interested in participating in our fundraiser, you have until April 14th! See page 3 for more details!

You will notice that we have gone to the EXTENDED version of our newsletter! With so many events happening this spring, we decided to add a few pages to better serve you!

As always, if you have questions or concerns about the Hendricks County 4-H Program, please contact our office—317-745-9260.

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HEALTHY LIVING TIP:

Avoid oversized portions!
Use a smaller plate, bowl and glass. Portion out foods before you eat. When eating out, choose a smaller size portion or share a dish!



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Jr. Leaders

Our April Meeting will be **April 19th** at the fairgrounds from 6:30-8 p.m. We will be hearing from local 4-H Board members about their duties. Our community service project will be collecting items for the Humane Society. Please select an item or two from the list below to bring in to donate if you can:

- Cat Food
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Dog Food
- Animal Treats
- Bleach
- Monetary Donations

Please be sure to take the online survey to order your T-shirt by April 6th! You can find the survey at: https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0VQqmNlwjJqDbJb

If you have signed up to help with any committees or events, be sure to mark your calendars for those activities! We appreciate your help!!

Upcoming events that could use your help:

- Mini 4-H Events (April 9)
- Performing Arts (April 17)
- Volunteer Event (April 16)

Contact Kati at the Extension Office if you want to sign up or double check what you have signed up for.

Our May meeting will be **May 9th from 6:30-8 p.m.** at the fairgrounds.

4-H OPPORTUNITIES

Find out what's going on in the 4-H World

4-H Queen Contest

If you are 16 or older by June 1st, 2018, then you are eligible to be entered in the 4-H Queen Contest.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of ability to converse, personality, poise and posture, and stage presence.

Contest is held on Saturday, July 7th. Contestants will be required to attend the workshop on July 5th, 2018.

4-H Camp Applications

If you are in 3rd-6th grade, you qualify to go to 4-H Camp this summer, June 11-13, 2018 at Shakamak State Park.

Apply on 4Honline by April 6th.



Performing Arts

The County contest will be held on **Tuesday, April 17th at the North and South Halls of The Hendricks County 4-H Complex, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Categories Include:

***Group Acts** – For five or more performers. Types of acts might include: skits or sketches, choral numbers, dance routines and lip sync. Time limit is 5-8 minutes.

***Curtain Acts (Non-Musical)** – For one to four performers, with a time limit of 3-5 minutes. Types of acts include (but not limited to): skits, mimes, clowning, gymnastics, reading, cheerleading, dance, lip sync, juggling and puppetry.

***Curtain Acts (Musical)** – For one to four performers with a time limit of 3-5 minutes. Types of acts include: instrumental, vocals and bands.

See attached flyer for more information!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Are you a volunteer? Check out these tips and information

Volunteer Appreciation Week

April 15-21 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week and we want to show you how much we appreciate YOU!! Below is a list of fun activities we will be doing during National Volunteer Week to celebrate our volunteers:

Mon: Volunteer Appreciation Event: Doors Open at 6:00p.m., Dinner Served at 6:30p.m., Entertainment at 7p.m. RSVP by calling the Extension Office.

Tues: Honoring Board Members & Club Leaders

Wed: Honoring our Project Advisors

Thurs: Thankful Thursday

Fri: Honoring our Youth Volunteers

Check Social Media for fun games and contests during Volunteer Appreciation Week!



CLUB INFORMATION

What is your club up to? Find out here!

Tie Dye Lab Fundraiser

From NOW until April 14th, The Tie Dye Lab is running a fundraiser in conjunction with Hendricks County 4-H. For \$21, you can get a tie dye shirt with the Hendricks County 4-H logo on it. The Tie Dye Lab is located at 8100 E Us Hwy 36, Ste. L in Avon. Please call for groups greater than 8! 317-483-7903



Day of Service

On **Saturday, April 28th**, National 4-H is holding a Day of Service to promote involvement in the community! This is a great chance for your club to make a difference in the community! More information about community service opportunities will be available soon! Mark your calendars now to help us celebrate serving others!

4-H Flower Sales

Thank you to all of the 4-H members that worked hard to sell 4-H Flowers. The money raised from our flower sales will help send youth on 4-H Trips, provide funding for 4-H programs, and a portion will also come back to your club!! Flowers will be delivered the 27th with open sales on the 28th. Be sure to talk with your club leader about when to pick yours up. If you know people that did not have a chance to order flowers, we will have extras available at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and a few other locations! Call the Extension Office for more information. **Thank you for all of your hard work!**

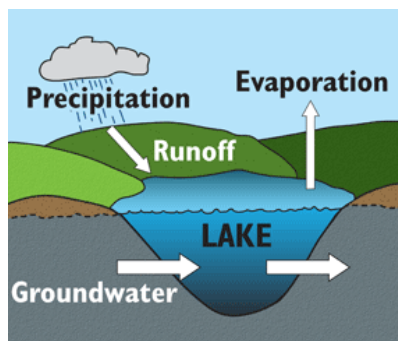


PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Soil & Water Science

“April Showers bring May Flowers”. April is known to be a rainy month. What happens to all that rain water? Well there’s no better time to learn about Soil & Water Conservation!

The soil and water science project teaches youth about soil, water, and environmental stewardship. Learn about soil and water quality, how they interact, and how we can protect and preserve them.



Fairboard Info

Our next 4-H Fairboard meeting is Monday, April 2 at 7 p.m.

Other upcoming committee meeting dates include:

- April 3—Operations Committee Meeting
- May 7—Fairboard Meeting (7 p.m.)

Leaders' Meeting

The next Leaders meeting will be on April 26th! We will be discussing Fair and other upcoming events. Please plan on attending if possible!



Council Info

Our next 4-H Youth Council meeting is April 23rd at 7 p.m.



Paper Clover Campaign

Visit your local Tractor Supply this spring and purchase a paper clover to help Hendricks County 4-H members attend 4 -H camps and leadership events.

Every year, 4-H'ers in Hendricks County participate in a number of 4-H programs to help improve their knowledge and leadership skills. This fall, local Hendricks County Tractor Supply stores are continuing their long-standing partnership with 4-H for the 2018 Paper Clover Campaign to make it possible for more youth in the community to experience 4-H's youth-led, hands-on programming.

From **April 11th to 22nd**, Hendricks County Tractor Supply customers can participate in the Paper Clover campaign by purchasing paper clovers for \$1 or more at checkout. The funds raised will be awarded as scholarships to individual Hendricks County 4-H members wishing to attend 4-H camps and leadership conferences across the country.

Since it began in 2010, the partnership between Tractor Supply and 4-H has generated more than \$11 million in essential funding. The Paper Clover fundraiser raised over \$981,000 during the Fall 2017 campaign. The fundraising effort directly supports numerous 4-H programs in Hendricks County.

LIVESTOCK UPDATES

Get all your livestock info here!

Tag-in for Sheep, Goats, Feeder Calves

The tag-in date for sheep and goats will be on **May 11th** from 6-9 p.m. Beef and dairy starter calves will be tagged from 9 a.m.—12 noon on **May 12th**. Be on the lookout for more information in the mail! May 15th is the **FINAL** day to ID your animals on 4-HOnline (exceptions: Beef/Dairy Steers—April 1. Small animals - dogs, cats, poultry, — will have paper forms).

Livestock Tag UPDATE

If you are picking up an RFID tag for any animal, it will be \$3 per tag. This is for NEW RFID tags.

If a tag fell out of an animal's ear from one of the 2018 Hendricks County 4-H Tag Ins, please call our office and you will receive a tag at no extra cost for a re-tag. A designated volunteer will need to be present for an animal re-tag. Call the Extension Office if you have questions.

May 15th is Coming Soon!

Please note, May 15th is a MONDAY and the Hendricks County Extension Office will be OPEN LATE. We will have computers available at tag-in to ID your animals on 4-HOnline as well. Our office will be open until 7 p.m. on the 14th and 15th to help you with your 4-H needs! If you do not enroll your livestock by May 15th, you will not be able to exhibit your animal at the State or County Fair!

Swine RFID Tag Info

Order forms for Swine RFID tags went out in a mailing the last week of March. Please get that form to the Extension Office by April 27th. You need to fill out one form per family. We will fill your order and have them ready for you to pick up from May 2nd through May 15th. DNA Envelopes are also available on that form. See the Extension Office with questions.



WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Many workshops are taking place now! Find out more here:

4-H Dogs

The 4-H Dog Workshops are well underway! They meet every Monday now up until before the fair. They start at 6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. The meetings this month are on April 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th.



4-H Photography Workshop

Are you in the photography project? Be sure to attend the next photography workshops on April 2nd & 12th. Be ready for full packed sessions on how to improve your photography skills!

STATE 4-H OPPORTUNITIES

4-H Happenings Around the State that YOU can do!

Experience 4-H @ Purdue: Science of Sound

Saturday, April 14th 9am-3pm

This event is held for youth in grades 6-8. Youth will learn about what sound is and how to generate sound. Each youth will return home with an electronic sound machine/instrument. There is a \$10 registration fee. Call the Extension Office for more details.

4-H Genealogy Webinar

The Indiana Historical Society will hold a webinar for helpful hints for the Advanced Division. It will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

4-H Weather and Climate Project

High School youth interested in weather are encouraged to volunteer to be part of the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network to collect and share weather data. Go to www.cocorahs.org to participate in this learning opportunity.

ANR UPDATE

Ag and Natural Resources Update

Upcoming ANR Programs

April 28: Free entry for the public! **Gardening for All Ages** presented by the Hendricks County Master Gardener Assoc. is from 9 am – 4 pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. This FREE event will have over 60 garden-related vendors with plants, garden décor, bird-watching supplies and advice on how to make this year's garden your best ever! The event will also include speakers on gardening topics. There will be activities for small children, senior citizens, and everyone in-between! Come discover tips for raising flowers / produce even if you don't have much room!



HHS UPDATE

Updates from our Health and Human Sciences Educator

Upcoming HHS Programs

RT2: Read a good book, Taste nutritious food, Touch agriculture. In one hour, the pre-school age child will participate in story time, craft time, snack time, and when escorted by parent/guardian or teacher – they can walk to the 4-H barns and touch the featured animal of the day. A 4-H'er will explain their animal to the RT2 participants. FREE to all! Go to <https://bit.ly/2pVrwmb> to sign up. Sponsored by: Hendricks County Farm Bureau, Inc.

Open Class at the Fair

Interested in entering something at the fair, but not in 4-H? We have the solution! Check out the Hendricks County Home & Family Arts Open Class Show! Exhibit Guidelines and descriptions available at the Hendricks County Extension Office. Divisions include Apple Contest, Quilt Block Contest, Culinary Department, Fine Arts, Hobbies and Crafts, & more!

Health Screening: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 5/7/2018. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.**

Raise Your Hand

Want to win \$20,000 for the State of Indiana 4-H'ers? This is a perfect opportunity for you to show your support of Indiana 4-H! From April 1st to May 15th, we invite all alumni, family, and friends of 4-H to support youth in our community and vote for Indiana in this contest. Go to 4-H.org/RaiseYourHand to vote for INDIANA to win the \$20,000.

Goals:

1. Grow our community of 4-H alumni and friends.
2. Engage 4-H alumni and friends to spread the word and help us grow even more #TrueLeaders through 4-H
3. Raise awareness of the life-changing impact of Cooperative Extension's 4-H youth development Program

Barn Help Needed

Hendricks County Fairboard is currently seeking 18 years and older people to work roughly from July 9th to July 26th at the Fairgrounds. Week 1 is setting up for the fair. Second week is Fair and we will be setting up for events during the Fair. Third week includes taking down Fair set ups and returning the fair back to normal. The position pays \$10/hour. Contact Brenda Burnell at 317-691-6303.

IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming dates and activities! For a more detailed list, visit our website!

Month	Day	Activity	Location	Time
April	1	4-H Beef/Dairy Steers Enrolled	4-H Online	11:59 PM
April	2	4-H Dog Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	2	Photography Workshop	Fairgrounds	7:00PM
April	2	Fairboard Meeting	Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
April	3	Rabbit Club Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:30PM
April	3	4-H Explorers Club Meeting	Plainfield United Methodist Church	7:00 PM
April	3	Archery Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	6	Shotgun Workshop	Brownsburg Shooting Range	6:00 PM
April	6	4-H Camp Applications Due	Extension Office	4:00 PM
April	7	ATV: Mandatory Safety and Inspection	Fairgrounds	2:00 PM
April	7	4-H Fur Bearer and Trapping Meeting	Fairgrounds	8:00 AM
April	8	Goat Workshop	Fairgrounds	4:00 PM
April	9	Gifted 4-H'ers Club Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	9	Bridle Bunch Club Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	10	Archery Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	10	Washington Winners 4-H Club Meeting	Avon Middle School North	7:00 PM
April	10	4-H Sewing Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	11	4-H Camping/Outdoor Skills Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	11	4-H Swine Club Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	12	4-H Photography Workshop	Fairgrounds	7:00PM
April	12	Amo Aces 4-H Club Meeting	Amo Community Building	7:00 PM
April	12	Discovery 4-H Club Meeting	Cartilage Barn	6:30 PM
April	13	Performing Arts Registration Due	4-H Online	4:00 PM
April	14	Basic Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader (RPM) Workshop	Danville Police Firing Range	9-11 AM
April	14	Advanced RPM	Danville Police Firing Range	12-2 PM
April	14	4-H Camp Counselor Bootcamp	Boone County 4-H Fairgrounds	9AM-3PM
April	16	4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM

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Month	Day	Activity	Location	Time
April	17	4-H Archery Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	17	Performing Arts Contest	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	17	4-H Sheep Club Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	17	Pittsboro Trailblazers 4-H meeting	Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
April	19	4-H Vet Science Workshop	Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
April	19	Junior Leaders Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	20	4-H Shotgun Workshop	Brownsburg Shooting Range	6:00 PM
April	23	4-H Bicycle Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	23	4-H Youth Council Meeting	Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
April	24	4-H Archery Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	24	Washington Winners 4-H Club Meeting	Avon Middle School North	7:00 PM
April	24	4-H Poultry Workshop	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	24	Happy Farmers 4-H Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
April	24	4-H Explorers Meeting	Plainfield United Methodist Church	7:00 PM
April	26	Adult Leaders Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
April	28	4-H Flower Sales Pick-Up– Clubs	Fairgrounds	8:00 AM
April	28	4-H Flower Sales/Pick-Up—Public	Fairgrounds	10:00 AM
April	28	Basic RPM Meeting	Danville Police Firing Range	9:00 AM
April	28	Advanced RPM Meeting	Danville Police Firing Range	12 Noon
May	1	4-H Archery Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:00 PM
May	4	4-H Shotgun Workshop	Brownsburg Shooting Range	6:00 PM
May	7	Fairboard Meeting	Fairgrounds	7:00 PM
May	7	4-H Rabbit Meeting	Fairgrounds	6:30 PM
May	8	Extension Office CLOSED		All Day
May	14	Extended Extension Office Hours	Extension Office	8 AM—7 PM
May	15	Extended Extension Office Hours	Extension Office	8 AM—7 PM
May	15	Livestock Enrollment Deadline	4-HOnline	11:59 PM
May	15	4-H Queen Contest Application Due		11:59 PM
May	15	4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline!	4-HOnline	11:59 PM