

4-H Camp
June 5-7, 2019

Starke County Fair dates:
July 13-19, 2019

Indiana State Fair dates:
2-18, 2019

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Thoughts from your educator:

The 2019 4-H year is off to a great start here in Starke County! 4-H Clubs are meeting, Beef ID day is this month, 4-H Project Workshop on Saturday, February 16th, and other events being planned!

This newsletter contains important information about animal identification, trips, and YQCA. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office. We are here to help!

Julia K. Miller

Important Dates

February

4th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm	Knox High School Cafeteria
7th	Fairboard	5:30 pm	Starke County Extension Office
12th	4-H Club Adult Leaders	6:00 pm	Starke County Extension Office
12th	4-H Expansion & Review Committee	7:00 pm	Starke County Extension Office
15th	Camp Counselor & CIT Applications Due	by 4:00 pm Ext. Office	
16th	4-H Project Workshop	9-11:00 a.m.	Knox High School Cafeteria
19th	Annual Extension Mtg.	6:00 pm	Knox Community Center
20th	Livestock Committee	6:00 pm	Starke County Extension Office
20th	Audit Committee	6:30 pm	Starke County Extension Office
20th	4-H Council	7:00 pm	Starke County Extension Office
23rd	Beef ID Day	8:00-10:00 am	Fairgrounds

March

4th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm	Knox High School Cafeteria
14th	Fairboard		Starke County Extension Office
20th	4-H Council	7:00 pm	Starke County Extension Office

Check out our website: extension.purdue.edu/starke for 4-H Club meeting dates & times!

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop youth people who positively impact their community 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.



4-H Project Workshop

Saturday, February 16th at the Knox High School Cafeteria from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Below is the tentative schedule of each specific project workshop. There will be time in between each session and after sessions for extra questions and assistance. Plan to attend to learn more about the projects you are enrolled in or interested in learning about. You do not have to stay for the entire two hours.

Project Workshop Schedule:

- ⇒ 9:00-9:20 am—Opening session: Instructions, Introductions, Recreation, Maker Kit available
 - ⇒ Session #1 9:25-9:45 am—Photography, General Posters, Architectural Models, Sewing
 - ⇒ Session #2 9:50-10:10 am—Photography, Achievement Card, Farm Toy Scene, Cake & Cupcake Decorating
 - ⇒ Session #3 10:15-10:35 am—General Posters, Cake & Cupcake Decorating, Models, Aerospace.
 - ⇒ 10:40-11:00—Wrap-up, extra time with project leaders, Maker Kit Available
- Check out our Facebook Page: Purdue Extension—Starke County for updated information.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

YQCA is a national multi-specie Quality Assurance. Program. This an annual program can be completed via online modules, in-person trainings, or **NEW for 2019 online test out option**. In-person trainings in Starke County are February 27, April 9, and May 13. Letters with detailed information were mailed to all 4-H members who need to complete and livestock superintendents The letter and information is available on our website: extension.purdue.edu. This is a great educational opportunity for all our 4-H livestock members. This program is ensuring 4-H members learn about quality assurance and best management with their animals.

How do I complete the YQCA program and what does it cost?

There are three ways to complete:

- Online - \$12.00
- In-person training - \$3.00
- **Test-Out Option (See information below)**
- The cost of these trainings will need to be **paid online** (for an online training or an instructor led training) to the YQCA Company. The fee covers the cost of the training materials
- All Starke County 4-H members can complete the in-person training (\$3) for free. Coupons were donated by the Starke County 4-H Council.

Contact Julia at the Extension Office at 574-772-9141 or email jwickert@purdue.edu to receive your coupon code needed when registering for an in-person training. Each coupon code is unique

Those individuals wishing to test out must meet the following criteria:

- This is only available to youth in the first year of intermediate (age 12) and senior (age 15). 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.
- The intermediate 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.

Swine Identification for 2019

The Starke County Livestock Committee will again be tagging 4-H members' swine animals prior to the July Starke County Fair. **Instead of travelling to individual homes/farms, there will be a single Swine Tagging day for all enrolled in the Starke County 4-H Swine project.** The Swine Tagging day will be either Saturday, May 4 or Saturday, May 11 at the Starke County Fairgrounds. May 4th is the Sheep, Goat, and Starter Calf ID day. If that is the date selected, tagging times for animals will be staggered to allow time for all animals to be identified.

Youth are to put their animals' tag numbers in 4HOnline when they identify the animals at in.4honline.com by May 15th. Ear notches are still the required as a form of identification at the county level. When identifying the animals in 4HOnline by May 15th, the RFID tag information needs to be completed. With having the tag numbers entered in 4HOnline early, any discrepancies or issues with ear notches will hopefully be minimalized.

Be on the lookout for a letter in March with more details and information.

Swine Workshop

March 2, 2019 at 11:00 am

La Porte County Fairgrounds, Community Building, 2581 St Rd 2, La Porte, IN

Health, Nutrition, & Selection

- All Are Welcome
- Introduction workshop focused on preparing your prospects for the upcoming show season
- To provide tools in selection, nutrition, and general health for a successful swine project.

Speakers include:

- ◇ Mike Witte from Purina: Nutrition
- ◇ Mandy Grimm: Hog Selection
- ◇ Dr. Clint Shireman, DVM: Health

Lunch is sponsored. You can meet local hog breeders during the workshop.

Sheep, Goat & Starter Calf Identification Day

Saturday, May 4th will be the identification day for the goat (7:00-10:00 am), sheep (8:00-10:00 AM), and starter calf (time TBD) projects at the Fairgrounds. All market sheep and goats must be brought to the ID day, as well as any registered ewes who will be shown at the Indiana State Fair. All starter calves must be off the cow and brought to ID day. More detailed information will be sent to all 4-H members enrolled in these projects closer to the May 4th date.

Livestock Identification

- **4-H Beef members need to enter their Beef and Dairy Beef animal's information online by April 1st.**
- Goat and Sheep worksheets will be completed at ID Day on May 4th. 4-H members will be provided the information worksheet and then be responsible to identify their animals on 4HOnline at in.4honline.com.
- Information will be sent to Swine members at a later date explaining the process to identify your animals on 4HOnline.
- **Beef Heifers, Sheep, Swine, Horse & Pony, Goat, and Starter Calf members will need to enter their animal's information online by May 15th.** All livestock enrollment deadlines will be enforced.

Premise ID numbers are **required** on all livestock enrollment forms. The Board of Animal Health handles the processing of these numbers. Please contact BOAH at (317)544-2381 to obtain a premise ID number or complete the registration form online at: www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm

General 4-H News

- ◇ 4-H Yard signs are available again this year. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like to have a sign in your yard to advertise our 4-H Program.
- ◇ You can show your support for Indiana 4-H by purchasing an Indiana 4-H Foundation Specialty License Plate. Plate fees support programs for young people state-wide, and a portion of the money from each plate that is sold goes right back to 4-H in the county there the plate is purchase!

4-H Camp—June 5th-7th

Mark your calendars: 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Adventure from June 3rd through June 5th!

Arrival on Wednesday, June 5th from 9:30-10:30 am. Departure, Friday, June 7th



It's an Adventure at
Camp Adventure

4-H
Camp

June 5-7 2019
Grades 3-6

- Boating & Swimming
- Rock Wall
- Low Ropes Course
- Crafts & more

PURDUE EXTENSION

Fulton - Kosciusko - Starke
Contact your local 4-H Educator for more information today!

The poster features a green four-leaf clover logo with '4-H' on each leaf. It includes three photographs: a teal kayak on a wooden dock, a person rappelling down a rock wall, and a person sitting in a raft on a river. The text '4-H Camp' is written in a large, green, cursive font.

Adding/Dropping Projects

4-H members have until May 15, 2018 to add or drop any 4-H projects. To add or drop a project, please call the Extension Office at 574-772-9141 and we will assist you!

4-H Trips

There are many opportunities for 4-H members to attend 4-H trips: from 4-H Camp to 4-H Band and Chorus, 4-H Round-Up, and a national trip Citizenship Washington Focus.

The 4-H Trips letter and application will be mailed at the beginning of March! Be on the lookout for some awesome trip opportunities for 4-H members. You can visit the State 4-H website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/workshops.aspx> to learn more about State and National 4-H Trips.

Geraniums

The Starke County 4-H Program will be selling geraniums again for a fundraiser for the 4-H Council and your local 4-H Clubs. The colors will be red, salmon, and violet again in 2019. Geranium pick up day will be Wednesday, May 8th from 10:00-6:00 pm, in time for Mother's Day!

Be on the lookout for order forms and more information in the March Clover Connection Newsletter about the Starke County 4-H Geranium Fundraiser!

4-H Volunteer Information

- The next 4-H Club Leader meeting will be Thursday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex Building.
- Reminder that all 4-H Volunteers must complete the “Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors” training, whether online or in person. Thank you to all the 4-H Volunteers who have completed the training!

The 4-H Junior Leaders will be collecting plastic lids

to make a bench for the Starke County 4-H Fairgrounds. They will be hosting a competition between 4-H Clubs. If a 4-H Club donates 40 or more lbs, their club name will be on the bench. The club who brings in the most lb/club will receive a pizza party sponsored by the Junior Leaders. Collection will be at the Extension office from February 1-tentatively May 1st (depending on the amount of lids donated). They would like the items brought in as soon as possible to the Extension Office, to allow time to sort at their monthly meetings and the bench to be ready by fair if possible.

NEVER ACCEPTABLE: METAL, TRASH, drink bottles, ALL food containers, plastic Ziplock type bags, soap pumps, trigger sprayers, lotion pumps, ALL fast food drink lids, grocery bags, Plastic that is not a cap or lid, plastic pieces and parts Caps lids or Med Bottles with (1) (3) (6) or (7) recycle number, Human or Animal Medical Supplies, K-Cups and Straws

ACCEPTABLE CAPS-Recycle # 2, 4, or 5: medicine bottle caps/info packet removed, drink bottle caps soda, water, juice, sport drinks, milk jug caps, flip-top caps (ketchup), detergent caps, spout caps (mustard), hair spray caps, spray paint caps, toothpaste caps, ointment tube caps, deodorant caps, baby food caps, apple sauce pouch caps, shampoo/conditioner caps

ACCEPTABLE LIDS- Recycle # 2, 4, or 5 cottage cheese container lids, cool whip container lids, mayonnaise jar lids, coffee can lids, yogurt lids, cream cheese container lids, peanut butter jar lids, butter container lids, ice cream bucket lids under 8", Pringles lids

4-H Junior Leader News

Next Meetings

- ◇ **Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Knox High School Cafeteria from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.**
- ◇ **Monday, April 8, 2019 at Kid’s Closet, 4735 W St Rd 10, North Judson, IN from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.**

Congratulations to the 2019 4-H Junior Leader Officers:

- President – Hannah Shidler
- Vice-President – Madeline Krueger
- Secretary – Emma Mann
- Treasurers – Maxwell Lawrence & Sophia Hewlett
- 4-H Council Representatives – Madeline Hewlett & Jordan Maynard
- Recreation Leaders – Tanner Craig & Kirsten Bauer

4-H Junior Leaders is recognized as a 4-H project to encourage older 4-H members to learn leadership skills, participate in community service, and support 4-H leaders at the local and county level. Some of the activities Jr. Leaders participate in are: community service activities, serve on committees for different activities and events, and opportunities to work at the Fair with project check-in or judging, the Dairy Barn, or in the Pork Booth.

When you enroll online in 4-H, don't forget to enroll in the Junior Leaders project also! That way we can make sure to send you important reminders!



4-H Project Spotlight

CONSUMER CLOTHING—State Fair Project

General Information:

1. Complete one activity from each activity group in the manual. Choose different activities each year. Write your results or answers in a notebook. Carefully follow instructions in the manual. Label each activity so you can discuss it with the judge. Include only the activities for the category in which you are enrolled. Identify each year with a divider tab. See General Hints for Your Exhibit on page 13 for notebook guidelines.

Model your outfit during judging. Be prepared to discuss with the judge your purchases and what you learned about the activities you completed. You will also need to have your manual and notebook with you during judging. For personal safety concerns, notebooks exhibited should only contain name, county, grade, level and club, and no personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone number.

Exhibit Requirements:

Beginner—Grades 3-5

- Purchase an item of clothing that will be worn with other clothes in your wardrobe. For example: slacks, blouse, jeans, shirt, sweater or sweatshirt.
- Select an accessory that goes with your purchase, such as shoes, sweat band, jewelry, socks, etc.

Intermediate—Grades 6-8

Purchase and accessorize a casual or school outfit. Accessories may be purchased or from items you already own.

Advanced—Grades 9-12

- Choose an outfit and accessorize it. You may purchase or select from items you already own.
- If a member has completed all activities in the manual in prior years, the member is to consult with their Extension Educator, Leader or mentor to create an activity. When assembling the exhibit notebook be sure to include a note to the judge explaining how the activity was determined and the intended objectives..

CREATIVE WRITING—County Project Only

General Information:

1. Writing may be typed or hand written
 2. Follow page six in the manual for assembly of projects
 3. Be sure to read all sections and guidelines in the manual
- Spelling, grammar, and neatness will be considered when judging the exhibits

Exhibit Requirements: (Choose one of the following to exhibit.)

Beginner (Grades 3-5)

1. Poetry – exhibit a note book including at least 5 poems you have written. Poems may be any length or style. Select and identify 1 of your poems to be critiqued at judging.
 2. Journaling – Exhibit your journal or notebook that shows at least 30 days of journaling. Date each journal entry.
- Short Story – Exhibit a notebook with 2 short stories you have written. They must be at least one page in length. Select and identify 1 story to be critiqued at judging.

Intermediate (Grades 6-8): (Choose one of the following to exhibit.)

1. Poetry – exhibit a notebook including at least 10 poems you have written. Poems may be any length or style. Select and identify 2 of your poems to be critiqued at judging.
2. Journaling – Exhibit your journal or notebook that shows at least 45 days of journaling. Date each journal entry.
3. Short Story – Exhibit a notebook with 4 short stories you have written. They must be at least one page in length. Select and identify 2 stories to be critiqued at judging.
4. Children’s Story – Exhibit a short story written specifically for Preschool children including illustrations.

Autobiography

Advanced (Grades 9-12): (Choose one of the following to exhibit.)

1. Poetry – exhibit a notebook including at least 15 poems you have written. Poems may be any length or style. Select and identify 3 of your poems to be critiqued at judging.
2. Journaling – Exhibit your journal or notebook that shows at least 60 days of journaling. Date each journal entry.
3. Short Story – Exhibit a notebook with 6 short stories you have written. They must be at least one page in length. Select and identify 3 stories to be critiqued at judging.
4. Children’s Story – Exhibit a short story written specifically for Preschool children including illustrations.

Autobiography or Biography

Advertisement – Exhibit a 1 page advertisement for a fictional product. It may be with or without illustrations by the exhibitor. It may be serious or humorous. You may attach 1 paragraph describing the product on a sheet under the advertisement.