

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 complete, county wide project workshop happened in February, and we are looking forward to 4-H workshops and summer trips!

This newsletter contains important information about 4-H SPARK Clubs, animal identification, trips, 4-H project Spotlight, and the 4-H geranium fundraising information. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office. We are here to help!

Julia K. Miller

Important Dates

March

4th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Knox High School Cafeteria
7th	Fairboard	5:30 pm Annex Building
11th	Extension Board	6:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
20th	4-H Council	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office

April

1st	Beef Identification	Entered in 4HOnline system
1st	Trip Applications Due	by 4:00 pm Extension Office
8th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Kid's Closet, North Judson
9th	YQCA Training	6:30 p.m. Knox High School Cafeteria
11th	Fairboard	
17th	4-H Council	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
19th	Good Friday	Starke County Extension Office Closed
22nd	4-H Club Leaders	6:00 pm Starke County Extension Office
30th	Livestock Committee	7:00 pm Starke County Extension Office

May

4th	Sheep, Goat, Starter Calf ID Day	8-10 am Fairgrounds
4th	Swine ID Day	10:30 am-12:00 pm noon Fairgrounds
6th	4-H Junior Leaders	6:30 pm Knox High School Cafeteria
8th	Geranium Pick-up	10:00 a.m.-6:00 pm at the Fairgrounds
9th	Fairboard	Starke County Fairgrounds
13th	YQCA Training	6:00 p.m. Knox High School Cafeteria

Project Workshops, 4-H club meetings, Camp Counselor Trainings, and other meetings are on the calendar on our website at: extension.purdue.edu/starke



2019 Spring Break 4-H SPARK Workshops

Engineering & Maker SPARK Club Workshop

- March 25-26 at the Extension Office, 9:00 am-12:00 p.m.
- Designed for youth in grades 3-8
- Free with paid \$15 4-H enrollment fee. Youth become a member upon payment
- Some activities include: 3D printing & design, Nanbot activities, Health Habits, The Great Boat Float and many more!
- Registration available in the Extension Office and on our website

4-H Crime & Spy Science SPARK Club Workshop

- March 25-26 at the Extension Office, 12:30-3:30 pm
- Everyone in grades 3-12 are welcome!
- Free with paid \$15 4-H enrollment fee. Youth become a member upon payment
- Some activities include: Hidden Messages, Fingerprinting, DNA Extraction, Handwriting Analysis and many more!
- Registration available in the Extension Office and on our website

4-H Geranium Fundraiser

Spring is almost here...and that means it is time to sell geraniums! The annual geranium sale is a wonderful fundraiser for the Starke County 4-H Council. The money raised by the geranium sale helps pay for 4-H camp, trips and workshops for both members and leaders, ribbons, judges, and project manuals. 4-H clubs receive 20 cents for each geranium sold!

Included in this newsletter is an order form for you to record the geraniums you sell. Geraniums are \$1.50 per plant and payment is due at the time of pick-up. It is **very important** that you call your orders into the Extension Office on a regular basis. We will take orders up to Tuesday, May 7th at which time any leftover plants will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Payment for all geraniums is to be made at the time of pick-up. Any plants not picked up on May 9th will be left at the Starke County Fairgrounds.

Pick-up time: **Wednesday, May 8th**

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Swine Identification for 2019

The Starke County Livestock Committee will 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 at the Starke County Fairgrounds from 10:30 am-12:00 pm noon. May 4th is the Sheep, Goat, and Starter Calf ID day from 8:00-10:00 am. Detailed information about exact location will be sent closer to May 4th.

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.

Sheep, Goat & Starter Calf Identification Day

Saturday, May 4th will be the identification day for the Goat, Sheep (8:00-10:00 AM), and Starter Calf (8:00-10:00 am) 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.

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 were mailed to all 4-H members and on our website. 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 the these trainings is to be **paid online** to the YQCA Company.
- All Starke County 4-H members can complete the in-person training (\$3) for free. Coupons are provided 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 s 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.

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

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 Volunteer Information

- The next 4-H Club Leader meeting will be Monday, April 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.
- Congratulations to the 2019 4-H Club leader Officers:
President—Beverly Albright
Vice-President—Sharon Richie
Secretary—Amie Minix
Council Representative—Mandy Peters

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—7:45 pm.**
- ◇ **Monday, April 8, 2019 at Kid's Closet, 4735 W St Rd 10, North Judson, IN from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.**
- ◇ **Monday, May 6, 2019 in the Knox High School Cafeteria from 6:30 pm—7:30 pm**

The Starke County 4-H Junior Leaders will be collecting items for Kid's Closet in North Judson and deliver on April 8th. Be on the lookout for the items needed!

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 opportunities to work at the Fair with project check-in or judging, the Dairy Barn, or in the Pork Booth.

For up to date Junior Leader news, check out the Junior Leader page on our website: extension.purdue.edu/starke

Adding/Dropping Projects

4-H members have until May 15, 2019 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 Project Workshop

Thank you to all the 4-H volunteers, club leaders, and community partners who assisted with the 4-H Project workshop on Saturday, February 16th!

4-H Camp—June 5th-7th

Mark your calendars: 4-H Camp will be held at Camp Adventure from June 5th through June 7th!

Arrival on Wednesday, June 5th from 9:30-10:30 am. Departure, Friday, June 7th at 12:30 pm.

Camp Adventure is located near Syracuse, IN in Kosciusko County. Any 4-H member in grades 3-6 may attend camp.

This year we will be camping with 4-H members from Fulton and Kosciusko Counties.

Information will be sent at the end of March to all 4-H members who are eligible to attend camp.



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

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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 was mailed on March 1st! 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.

Poster Projects

Plastic sleeves for your posters and salon prints are available for purchase in the Extension Office. The salon size is \$1.00 and the 22" X 28" poster size is \$2.00. Again this year, we are also selling poster size foam core board to be used as a stiff backing on your poster projects. These will be sold for \$3.00 a piece. We would like to encourage you to use the foam boards instead of heavier materials, as this will help with moving and transporting the posters.

All Posters Notebooks and Display Boards

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of the notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.



4-H Project Spotlight

In each newsletter, different 4-H projects will be spotlighted. This month we are highlighting:

VETERINARY SCIENCE—State Project

The 4-H Veterinary Science Project provides youth a fun and hands-on learning experience that helps them learn more about the Veterinary Science profession, and opportunities for careers in animal health. Subjects such as general health care, physiology, anatomy and careers are presented in the curricular materials, through workshops such as Science Workshops for Youth, and through hands on experiences with local veterinarians. Youth also have the opportunity to develop responsibility, decision making and communication skills through active participation in the 4-H Veterinary Science Project.

General Requirements:

4-H veterinary science exhibits should be educational in nature covering one (1) or more of the topics presented in the members' manual and/or found in the 4-H Veterinary Science Leaders Guide. An educational exhibit is one that should be able to teach other people about your topic.

Chose a topic you think is interesting and apply your imagination.

Complete one activity in your manual.

Attend county workshops, when available.

All poster exhibits are to be displayed according to the requirements listed previously. See General Hints for Your Exhibit on page 13 for project guidelines.

On the backside of your exhibit securely attach a 3" x 5" card, listing your veterinarian's name and address.

Exhibit Requirements:

Level 1 (Grades 3—5)

Exhibit a 22" x 28" poster related to Chapter 1, 2, or 3.

Level 2 (Grades 6—8)

Exhibit a 22" x 28" poster, display, or quiz board related to Chapter 1, 2, or 3. Display or quiz board should be no larger than 36" x 36" x 36".

Level 3 (Grades 9—12)

Choose one of the following to exhibit:

Develop and assemble a teaching aid.

Develop a project in conjunction with a veterinarian. Display the project with a report of the results, recommendations, findings, and conclusions.

Write a one page outline of a workshop or demonstration you presented.

Project add/drop is open until May 15th! If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.