

# The Clover Connection

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**Posey County 4-H**

**Spring is Coming!**

**March/April 2019**  
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Dear 4-H Members & Supporters,

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's 4-H Adult Volunteers' Spring Meeting and/or 4-H Club Officer Training! As always, youth and adults alike are encouraged to share 4-H programming suggestions, comments and concerns throughout the year. The 4-H Council and I welcome your input!

4-H members, if you ever have questions or need help with your 4-H projects, please feel free to contact me, the project superintendents listed in your 4-H handbook, or your club's leaders. We are here to help!

**Don't forget about Share-the-Fun at North Posey High School, starting at 7 PM on April 12!** Get some of your club members together and create a skit, or just do your own thing on stage in an individual curtain act. Entry deadline is April 1, and the entry form may be found in the January/February newsletter on the 4HOnline homepage or in person at the Extension Office. Don't forget that clubs are limited to one group act and two curtain acts, so club members need to vote on which curtain acts are moving on to the county level by holding a dress rehearsal for those individuals who want to have a curtain act.

It's not too late to invite a friend to join Posey County 4-H! Enrollment is open through May 15 at [www.4HOnline.com](http://www.4HOnline.com), and enrollment is not complete until all membership fees have been paid. For hardship circumstances, please contact me, and please note that you will not receive enrollment materials until this fee is paid in full. Also, you will not receive "active" status until Purdue receives your State fee, which could take up to two weeks if you pay by cash or check here in the office.

As always, enclosed is important information about many upcoming 4-H activities. If you have questions, please contact me. I look forward to making the best better with your help!

Take care,

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*If you have a disability that requires special assistance for participation in activities, please contact Purdue- Posey County Extension Service at (812) 838-1331. Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.*



## 4-H Camp 2019: Hello Camp Reveal!

Get ready to head to Camp Reveal for 4-H Camp this year, **June 6&7**. Check it out at

<http://www.evansvillerescuemission.org/ministries/camp-reveal/>. Applications are available

online and in the Extension Office. Cost is \$70 to attend and attendees must be current 4-H members.

### Posey County 4-H Drop/Add Policy

All changes in 4-H enrollment, including dropping and adding of projects, must be completed by 11 PM Central on May 15 via 4HOnline. No changes are accepted over the phone, and all project materials must be returned to the Extension Office or paid for by the 4-H member by May 15 in order for a project to be considered "dropped" and not count against the 4-H member as an incomplete project for the year. Please note that the exception to this rule is the Beef project, wherein steers have an earlier drop/add deadline of April 1 to coincide with Indiana State Fair rules.

### SWCD to Award \$25 Cash Prizes!

The Posey County Soil & Water Conservation District will award \$25 to those 4-H'ers enrolled in the Forestry and/or SWCD projects who are chosen by the project's judges at the Posey County 4-H Fair to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair level.



### 4-H'er of the Month

It's that time of year again! All submissions for 4-H'er of the Month are due before the first Thursday of the month from January through September. Application forms are available from Club Leaders, the Extension Office, and the website, and adults may nominate any 4-H member that they believe has recently made an important contribution to their club. This award is for any 4-H'er and isn't based on Achievement Points or how long you've been involved in 4-H. Please nominate 4-H'ers who are making special contributions every month!

### Attention All 4-H Animal Exhibitors!

4-H Council upholds State Fair entry deadlines for all 4-H animal projects. This means that you will need to complete your paperwork for dropping or adding any animal project on or before 11 PM Central on May 15. The exception is if you plan to exhibit a beef steer at this year's 4-H Fair; then you will need to abide by the April 1 State Fair entry deadline for beef steers. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the Extension Office.

### Speech & Demonstration Contest

The Speech & Demonstration Contest will be held on **June 11** at the Community Center on the 4-H Fairgrounds. Registration will be from 6:00-6:30 PM, and the contest will begin at 6:30 PM. Entry categories are:



1. **Interactive Demonstration**
2. **Demonstration**
3. **Informative 4-H Presentation**
4. **Professional Persuasive Presentation**
5. **Public Speaking**
6. **Illustrated Talk**

Demonstration categories no longer exist, and you can learn more from reading the enclosed contest information. If you plan to participate in this event, please let Cheven know in advance.

### Poster Sleeves & Backing for Sale

We have poster backing for sale in the Extension Office for \$3 each. Sleeves for posters and salon mounted Photography exhibits are also for sale for \$1 each.

### 4-H Auction Participants: PLEASE READ!

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health, in accordance with the USDA, currently requires anyone selling livestock to have a Premise Identification Number. This means even 4-H members who sell only one animal per year are required to have a Premise Identification Number. The application and FAQ's may be obtained at the Extension Office or online at: <http://www.in.gov/boah/2328.htm>.

## “Share-the-Fun” Talent Show Guidelines

This activity is held every spring at North Posey High School. Clubs may enter one group act and up to two curtain acts. Each club is responsible for its costumes and props. PA and piano will be provided, and all participants must be 4-H members, except accompanists. Types of entertainment range from skits to solos and from acrobatics to theater acts, so grab a pal, plan and practice, and join the fun of performing for your friends and family on the evening of **April 12!**

The time requirements for acts are as follows:

### Group Acts

5 or more performers  
8 minutes MAX per act



### Curtain Acts: Musical

or

### Non-musical

1-4 performers  
5 minutes MAX per act

No live animals, shaving cream, water, straw or hay bales, or other materials which require a great deal of clean-up or are a fire hazard will be allowed. **Also, please keep in mind that you are representing yourself and your club, as well as Posey County 4-H, and the appropriateness of your material should reflect that.** Please remember to make your performance suitable for your audience and perform in a manner that is appropriate for the 4-H Program.

**Entry deadline for Share-the-Fun is April 1!**

### **Mini 4-H News**

Mini 4-H is a fun and educational way for children who are completing Kindergarten, first or second grade this spring to become acquainted with 4-H. Participants make crafts, play games and actively learn about the four H's. Our next workshop is:

- **May 28 (6-7 PM @ Community Center)**

## YQCA Training Reminder

To exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified annually through the YQCA program. The reason we are requiring YQCA is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals. Training dates are: April 2, 6-7 PM, and May 30, 7-8 PM, at the Community Center. Youth need only attend one session. Online training modules are also available.

**Remember, if you want to show your beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, poultry or rabbits, you MUST be YQCA-certified by July 1!**

### **“Reality Store” Volunteers Needed**

On **Friday, April 5**, the Extension Office staff is assisting with Reality Store for local eighth grade students, and volunteers are needed. Reality Store is a hands-on student activity that is very close to “real life” in one hour. Through pre-activities, students choose a career. Upon arrival at Reality Store, students open a checking account and begin their journey, going from booth to booth making financial decisions and gaining an appreciation of the world of work. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile and fun activity! Volunteers are needed 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM, and lunch is provided. Call the Extension Office at 812-838-1331 to volunteer or to learn more.

### **4-H Fair Help Wanted!**

The Posey County 4-H Fair Association, or Fair Board, is in charge of the non-4-H activities that take place during the Posey County 4-H Fair, and they are looking for new members! If you'd like to help plan 4-H Fair events or learn more about this group, please attend an upcoming Fair Board meeting, held on the **first Monday of every month on the 4-H fairgrounds in the Keck-Gonnerman Building at 6:00 PM.**

### What Every Parent Can Do

Most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents. If you are wondering just how you can help, here are some suggestions:

- Advise your child in the selection of 4-H projects. Youth sometimes get overzealous and want to participate in more projects than they can successfully accomplish.
- Show your enthusiasm for the project your child has selected. Let them know it's good to ask questions!
- Learn what is required of the 4-H member for each project so that you can help guide your child, but don't do the job for him or her.
- See that when a project is started, it is completed. Keep in mind that projects should be suited to the ability of the 4-H member.
- Provide transportation for your child to local club meetings and county-wide events in which your child is interested.
- Attend club meetings and other club functions and actively share your skills with the other members of your child's 4-H Club.
- Become an approved 4-H volunteer. Our Club Leaders and Project Superintendents are volunteers too, and they appreciate your interest and helping hands!

## **Parents . . . Partners in 4-H!**

### Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Earth Day comes just once a year,  
but even when it *isn't* here  
we can help the planet  
in an important way-  
by celebrating Earth Day every day!  
Do something to help your little corner  
of the world TODAY!



### ***ATTENTION 4-H SUPPORTERS:***



***If you would like to serve  
as a 4-H check-in or judge's assistant  
Sunday, July 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. or  
Monday, July 15, 8:00 a.m. till Noon,***



***contact Cheven at 812-838-1331 or [maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu).***

***Thanks in advance for volunteering to lend a hand if you can!***



# Speech & Demonstration Contest Rules (County & State)

## 1. Interactive Demonstration

- Any 4-H member may participate in the Interactive Demonstration. Their topic can relate to any 4-H project.
- The 4-H member will provide a short demonstration of no more than 3 minutes that will actively engage members of the audience in a how-to-do skill development. Examples include, but are not limited to, how to use a measuring cup, how to use a ruler, how to knead dough, how to clean grooming clippers, etc.
- Props are permitted. Live animals and PowerPoint displays are not permitted.
- Although participants will not be judged, an adult will watch the 4-H member's interactive demonstration and will provide feedback to the member.
- The 4-H member will continually repeat their how-to interactive demonstration for the designated time period, typically a minimum of 45 at the State level and 20 minutes at the county level.

## 2. Demonstration

- Any 4-H member may participate in the county demonstration contest to show the audience step-by-step procedures how to do something related to a project. The state contest allows only youth in grades 6-12.
- Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi or other digital presentation, signs and/or other props to enhance their presentation. If digital media is used, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop. PowerPoint will be the only digital media available & must be requested for use at least a day prior to the county contest.
- Live animals are not permitted, and participants are to have no interaction with the audience.
- Categories at the State level are Junior Individual, Senior Individual, Junior Team, and Senior Team. The county contest also offers Clover Individual and Clover Team. Clovers may not participate at the State level. The team category is for two people and is determined by the highest grade level of any member of that team. If a team is awarded the State Fair Achievement Trip, only team members who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 will be permitted to attend the trip. Those members of the winning team who are younger than 14 years of age won't be able to compete in a team demonstration in future years.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges at the Indiana State Fair to a maximum of the top three blue merit senior individual members and top blue merit senior team at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.
- A county may have no more than three entries in each of Junior and Senior categories at the State level.

## 3. Informative 4-H Presentation

- Any 4-H member may participate in the county informative presentation contest. The state contest allows only youth in grades 6-12. This contest allows the 4-H member to present a topic of their choice related to a 4-H event, project, or activity. Examples of an informative 4-H presentation include the benefits of attending 4-H Round-Up, State 4-H Junior Leader Conference, Science Workshops, or Citizenship Washington Focus; the impact of a community service project on the 4-H members involved and their community; why a family should enroll their children in 4-H; how 4-H prepares a young person for the workforce or college, etc.
- Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi or other digital presentation, signs and/or other props to enhance their presentation. If digital media is used, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop. PowerPoint will be the only digital media available & must be requested for use at least a day prior to the county contest.
- Live animals are not permitted, and participants have no interaction with the audience.
- Categories and awards are the same as the Demonstration contest (2), except that there is no team category.
- A county may have no more than three entries in each of Junior and Senior categories at the State level.

## 4. Professional Persuasive Presentation

- Any 4-H member in grades 6-12 may participate in this contest.
- Contestants must research a public issue in their community, collect data showing how this issue is or could affect their community, formulate a plan to address this issue, and present it in a professional manner using electronic digital media such as PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.
- Members may use a PowerPoint, Prezi or other digital presentation, signs and/or other props to enhance their presentation. If digital media is used, contestants are encouraged to provide their own laptop. PowerPoint will be the only digital media available & must be requested for use at least a day prior to the county contest.
- Live animals are not permitted, and participants have no interaction with the audience.
- Contestants are to submit three (3) sets of accompanying handouts at registration that will be provided to the judges. It is suggested that youth practice by presenting their professional presentation to service clubs, 4-H council or fair board, government officials, or other boards. Examples of public issues could be the lack of

accessibility to trails or public parks, public health issues, school dropout rates, the size of farm machinery outgrowing the size of roads, etc.

- Junior members (grades 6-8) and senior members (grades 9-12) will present their professional presentation in 5-10 minutes. Categories will be Junior Individual, Senior Individual, Junior Team, and Senior Team. The team category will be decided by the highest grade level of either member of the team.
- Questions may be asked by the judges following the professional presentation.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges to a maximum of the top three (3) blue merit senior individual members and one (1) blue merit senior team at the discretion of the judges. Only team members who are 14 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year may attend this trip.
- A county may have no more than three (3) entries in each of the categories at the State level.

#### 5. Public Speaking

- Any 4-H member may participate in this county contest. This contest allows 4-H members to give their prepared speech to an audience, but there is no interaction with the audience. Props, signs, and PowerPoint presentations are not permitted.
- Junior members (grades 6-8) have 3-5 minutes to give their speech while senior members (grades 9-12) will give their speech in 5-7 minutes. Clovers (grades 3-5) may compete at county level only and have 1-3 minutes to give their speech.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges at the State level to a maximum of the top three blue merit senior individual members at the judges' discretion. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.

#### 6. Illustrated Talk

- Any 4-H member may participate in this State contest. An illustrated talk is offered at the Indiana State Fair in poultry and rabbits. All participants must complete the Indiana State Fair Rabbit or Poultry entry form. This completed form is to be submitted to the State rabbit or poultry barn office, respective to the contest, at check-in. There is no Indiana State Fair entry fee for this event.
- Categories are Novice (grades 3-4), Junior (grades 5-6), Intermediate (grades 7-8), Senior (grades 9-10), and Master (grades 11-12).
- An illustrated talk allows the member to present a 5-7 minute speech to the audience on a topic related to that project while using props and/or a PowerPoint, Prezi, or other digital presentation. There is no interaction with the audience. Check the Indiana State Fair 4-H Premium book for the time, date, and location of this event.
- Live animals that are eligible to show in that project may be used in the illustrated talk.
- The State Fair Achievement Trip may be awarded by the judges at the State level to a maximum of the top two (2) blue merit Masters Category rabbit members and poultry members at the discretion of the judges. Trip winners must be of blue merit quality.

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## **Posey County 4-H Promotion Opportunity**

### Exhibit Opportunities

Clubs may choose to create a banner, table exhibit or scrapbook for display in the Exhibit Building during the Posey County 4-H Fair.

### Requirements

- Banner size must be no larger than a twin-size bed sheet and be displayed horizontally.
- Clubs must provide their own small table for table exhibits.
- It is recommended that scrapbook pages be protected by plastic coverings.
- All exhibits must be turned in on **Sunday, July 14**, during Project Check-In (2:00-4:00 PM).
- All exhibits must be labeled with the 4-H Club name.
- Clubs receive 5 points for each APPROVED exhibit (up to a maximum of 15 points per club).

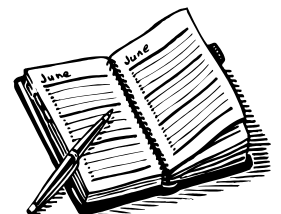


***USE YOUR CREATIVE SKILLS & HAVE FUN!***

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***Please note: All dates are subject to change!***  
***PCCC = Posey County Community Center***

- Mar. 1**            **Posey County 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship Application Deadline**
- Mar. 7**            **4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, PCCC)**
- Mar. 13**          **Jr. Leaders: Assist with 4-H Club Officer Training (6:30-8 PM, PCCC)**
- Mar. 13**          **4-H Club Officer Training (7-8 PM, PCCC)**
  
- Apr. 1**            **County & State Fair Beef Steer Entry Deadline**
- Apr. 2**            **YQCA Training- Animal Exhibitors MUST attend 1 session! (6-7 PM, PCCC)**
- Apr. 4**            **4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, PCCC)**
- Apr. 12**          **Posey County 4-H Share the Fun (7 PM, NPHS)**
- Apr. 23**          **Jr. Leader PCCC Clean-Up (6-8 PM, PCCC)**
  
- May 2**            **4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, PCCC)**
- May 4**            **Color Run (9 AM, PCCC, with rain date of May 11)**
- May 10**          **Area Share the Fun (Red Skelton Theater, Vincennes)**
- May 15**          **Enrollment Deadline & State Fair Animal Entry Deadline**
- May 28**          **Mini 4-H (6-7 PM, PCCC)**
- May 28**          **Jr. Leader Business Meeting (7-8 PM, PCCC)**
- May 30**          **YQCA Training- Animal Exhibitors MUST attend 1 session! (7-8 PM, PCCC)**
  
- June 6-7**        **4-H Camp (Campers stay from 9:30 AM on June 6 until 4:30 PM on June 7)**
- June 11**         **4-H Public Speaking Contest (Reg. 6 PM & Contest 6:30 PM, PCCC)**
- June 13**         **Jr. Leader Business Meeting (6-7 PM, PCCC) NOTE EARLIER TIME!**
- June 13**         **4-H Council Meeting (7 PM, PCCC)**
  
- July 2**            **4-H Fashion Revue Judging @ 1-2 PM & Public Style Show @ 2 PM, PCCC**
- July 14-20**      **Posey County 4-H Fair**
- July 29**         **Non-perishable ISF exhibits to Indy (*Kept at fairgrounds after the 4-H Fair!*)**
- July 30**         **Perishable ISF exhibits due to Extension Office by Noon!**
  
- August 2-18**    **Indiana State Fair**
- August 19**      **State Fair Exhibits Available for Pick-Up (8 AM-4 PM, Extension Office)**
  
- Sept. 2**          **Labor Day: Extension Office will be closed.**
- Oct. 6-12**       **National 4-H Week: Wear Your Clovers!!!**
- Nov. 14**         **Annual 4-H Achievement Banquet (6 PM, PCCC)**



***If you have any questions about these events or would like to see other events added to this calendar, please contact Cheven ([maycm@purdue.edu](mailto:maycm@purdue.edu)).***