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Allen County Indiana 4-H

4-H EXPO

OCTOBER 5, 2019 FROM
1:00-3:00 PM

AT THE ALLEN COUNTY
EXTENSION OFFICE,
4001 CRESCENT AVE,
FORT WAYNE

(EAST SIDE OF THE PFW CAMPUS)



4-H Expo

We will hold a 4-H Expo on Saturday, October 5, from 1-3 p.m. at the Extension Office. Bring a friend (or five) and get enrolled in 4-H for 2020! Current 4-H Members – please contact Samm if you'd like to help during the event by being available with one or two of your projects to let participants know what 4-H is all about. Leaders – please contact Samm if you are interested in volunteering for this event by helping families get enrolled and being available to provide participants with information about your clubs. Let's work together to "Make the Best Better" and paint Allen County Green in 2020!

Thank You

Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered, participated and visited the 2019 Allen County Fair.

Traditional and Mini 4-H'ers enrolled: 657

The 2020 Allen County Fair is July 21-26, 2020.



Silent Auction

Thank you to clubs and individuals that donated to and were bidders at the Silent Auction at the Fair. This was once again a success. Approximately \$1790.00 was raised at the Silent Auction. Half of the amount raised is donated to the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

Please be aware of the upcoming meetings, especially in August and September that you may wish to attend. **If you are on any of the special committees, this will serve as your meeting notice/reminder. We will not send another reminder unless there is a change.** All meetings will be at the Extension Office Conference Room unless otherwise noted.

- August 19, 2019 4-H Swine Leaders Meeting, 7 PM McComb Building at Fairgrounds
- August 20, 2019 4-H Livestock Executive Committee Meeting, 7 PM at Extension Office
- August 25, 2019 4-H Llama Leaders Meeting, 3 PM at Extension Office
- August 26, 2019 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders, 7 PM at Extension Office
- August 26, 2019 4-H Leaders Post Fair Evaluation Meeting, 7 PM at Extension Office
- September 3, 2019 4-H Governance Committee, 6:30 PM at Extension Office
- September 3, 2019 4-H Board Meeting, 7 PM at Extension Office
- September 4, 2019 4-H Awards Committee, 6-7 PM at Extension Office
- September 4, 2019 4-H Non-Livestock Project Curriculum Committee, 7 PM at Extension Office
- September 11, 2018 4-H Livestock Auction Committee, 7 PM at Extension Office
- September 17, 2019 4-H Horse & Pony Leaders Meeting, 7:15 PM at Extension Office
- October 1, 2019 4-H Board Meeting, 7 PM at Extension Office. Review all proposed Curriculum and Awards changes for 2020.

4-H Food Booth Thank You

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped make this year's 4-H Food Booth a big success.

2020 4-H Exhibition Enrollment Dates: October 1, 2019 – May 15, 2020

4-H Expo is October 5 from 1-3 pm

Enroll in 4-H by May 15, 2020
to exhibit at the Allen County Fair or Indiana
State Fair.
Earlier Deadlines for Animals.

4-H Board Members Needed

If you are interested in running for a position on the 4-H Board at their Fall Annual Meeting, please contact the Extension Office by September 1, 2019 to indicate your interest and get the application.

Please Send Thank You Notes!

At the Fair, 4-H'ers receive many ribbons, plaques, trophies, medals, banners and support from buyers at the 4-H Livestock Auction. Local businesses, clubs, and individuals donate money to help support 4-H because they believe that 4-H is a terrific program. We expect each recipient to send their own thank you notes. Let them know you truly appreciate their support! All sponsors are on the bottom or back of your

Thank Your 4-H Leader

Many of you wrote thank you notes to the people who sponsored the trophy or banner you received at the Fair or who bought your animal at the Livestock Auction – but did you consider writing a thank you note to your 4-H Leader or Leaders? Our Allen County 4-H Leaders are true volunteers. They donate countless hours of their time to work with the 4-H'ers in their community club, with a project club, with an animal specie group, assisting as judges' assistants at the Fair, or working with a show at the Fair. An easy way to show them they are appreciated is to jot them a note and tell them so. Take the time this year to let them know they are appreciated!

Indiana State Fair Results

If you want to check how on non-livestock results exhibits have done at the Indiana State Fair, go to <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/1618>. You can search by name or by county. Congratulations to all the 4-H members who participated in this year's Indiana State Fair.

State Fair Projects

We will pick up State Fair projects on Monday, August 19 and they will be available for pick-up from the Office starting August 20. Please be prompt and pick up all projects by Friday, August 23 by 4:30 PM. Projects not picked up by the Leaders' meeting on August 26 will be discarded or donated.

Blue Accumulative Record Sheets

The Blue Accumulative Record Sheet, which is used to determine overall points, was due the last day of the Fair. Realizing that is a hectic time for people, you may have forgotten to turn yours in. If so, please turn it into our office as soon as possible. It is important that we have a Record Sheet from ALL 4-H members Grade 3 and above. We use these points to determine Top & Honor Achievers each year.

Parents & Alumni Volunteers Needed

As we evaluate our past 4-H year and plan for a new one, we anticipate the need for more 4-H volunteers in 2020. If you have some time to donate to work with your child and/or other children in Allen County, please consider becoming a 4-H volunteer. We have openings as 4-H Community Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Resource Leaders and SPARK Club Leaders. We also need people to serve on Boards and Committees and to assist with Fair events. Please contact the County Extension Office. We would be happy to discuss with you further opportunities for you to volunteer with the Allen County 4-H Program. There are areas in Fort Wayne and Allen County where we do not have 4-H Community Clubs and we would certainly like to offer 4-H if volunteers are available to work with members.

SPARK Clubs

These are hands-on educational workshops for youth in grades 3-12 designed to SPARK interest in various fields. Youth do not have to be 4-H members to register to participate in a SPARK Club, but will become 4-H members with their payment of the \$15.00 annual program fee. Youth may choose to register for any and all SPARK Clubs they find interesting. Happy Learning!

If you have an idea for a SPARK Club, please contact the office.



Photos Needed

Please send your favorite 4-H photos throughout the year to Samm at

sammjohnson@purdue.edu. We are planning on producing a 2020 Allen County 4-H calendar and need photos from a variety of events!



Baking Club Call-out

Please plan to attend a Baking Club call-out meeting on September 19 at 6 PM at the Extension Office to learn about this exciting new club.

Robotics Club

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Robotics Club? Come to a meeting and check it out!. Meetings are held at the Purdue Extension Allen County Office. Time is 6:30 –8:30 pm. The remaining 2019 dates are: September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5. Looking forward to seeing you!

4-H Tenure Pins

If you would like your tenure pin, you may request it. We will no longer automatically give out pins to everyone.

4-H'ers are...

4X

more likely to give back to their communities

2X

more likely to make healthier choices

2X

more likely to participate in STEM activities

SHOOTING SPORTS

The next 4-H Shooting Sports Program will be offered in the fall. We will offer: .22 Rifle and Shotgun. They will start in September and early October.

Fall Shotgun: We will offer the 4-H Shotgun Discipline in fall 2019. This program will be for youth in Grades 5-12. Youth must have participated in at least one other 4-H Shooting Sports discipline prior to enrolling in this class. This class will be held on Saturdays in September and October from 12 Noon-2 pm. Registration due by September 5, 2019. Cost \$65.00. Minimum of 5 to hold the class.

Fall .22 Rifle: .22 Rifle will be offered in October-December, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran High School on Wednesday evenings. .22 Rifle is for youth in Grades 4-12. Times 6:30-8:30 pm. Registration due by September 20, 2019. Cost is \$55.00. Minimum of 18 to hold the class.

Flyers are attached to this newsletter.

HORSE & PONY

Horse Completion Banquet

This will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2019. Location: TBD.



LIVESTOCK

Livestock Auction Checks

Just a reminder that checks from the 4-H Livestock Auction will be mailed approximately 45 days after the Auction. This means probably after Labor Day in September, 2019. In addition, auction checks will not be issued to the 4-H Member until full payment is collected from all their buyers. Please remember to write each buyer a Thank you note.

JUNIOR LEADERS

Our next meeting will be on September 24 at the Extension office. All youth in grades 7-12 are eligible to participate in this group that focuses on leadership development, meeting others 4-H'ers and having FUN!

4-H VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours for 2019

A worksheet was sent to volunteers to track their volunteer hours from **October 2018 to July 2019** with the **Allen County 4-H Program**. This is a worksheet for you to tally on and give you ideas where you can volunteer. **We do not need this worksheet.** You can call or email your grand total number of hours to Jean at 481-6429 or jkendall@purdue.edu. When picking up your State Fair ticket, you will be asked to report your hours. Thank you for volunteering. Volunteer hours worksheet is attached. It is important that you provide us with your total volunteer hours each year since we use this data in several reports to the community as well as when applying for grants and miscellaneous funding.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Club Achievement Events

We sincerely hope you are planning some type of recognition for your 4-H members as the wrap-up of the 2019 year. If not all of your members completed at the Fair, and might need encouragement to enroll for 2020, perhaps you or your club can think of a small incentive idea.

Club Bills

Club bills were sent out. Thank you to those leaders who have paid. There are still some clubs that have not paid their bill. Please do so promptly.

COUNTY FAIR



2020 FAIR DATES

July 21-26, with the Auction on July 27

Other Extension Office Events

Horticulture Educational Programs

Seed Saving Class- September 21, 10 am, Free

Join us for the hands-on basics of open pollinated seed saving, including how to determine when seeds are ready for harvest, ways to separate seed from chaff, drying, labeling, and storage. Seed varieties we will have available for you to work with: Tomato, milkweed, larkspur, blue false indigo, calendula, hollyhock, poppy, ornamental carrot, lovage, salad burnet, bloody cranesbill, columbine, and more. Then, take your own beautifully cleaned and packaged seeds home with you!

Interested in taking the Master Gardener Class? Contact the Office at 481-6826

Health & Human Sciences Educational Programs

September 10, 2019, 7:00 pm "Healthy Snacks for All"

Snacking is an important part of overall food consumption patterns. According to the USDA's Agriculture Research Service, snacking has increased markedly in recent decades, and provides 23% of daily calorie intake. Sample healthy snacks.

October 8, 2019, 7:00 pm "Games and Crafts for All"

Learn how to build closer family connections, better family communication, and truly fun family times through the power of awesome board games. No MONOPOLY allowed — this is about fitting family time onto busy lives and creating the kind of relationships you want. We'll talk about family communication and connection, look at what researchers say about making family time work, and identify types of games that work best for families of all ages. Bring your questions!

**Events Open to the Public
Call the Office to Pre-Register**

Check out the website www.extension.purdue.edu/allen for complete details.

Email Alert!



Due to continued budget cuts in the postage and office supplies accounts to the County Extension Office budget, 4-H will be utilizing email more and more. Please go in and change your 4-H online account or email Jean at jkendall@purdue.edu with your current email address so files can be updated.

CALENDAR

**CEO = County Extension Office
FGs = Fairgrounds**

August 2019

- 2-18 Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis
- 19 Swine Committee 7 pm @ FG's
- 20 Livestock Executive Meeting, 7 pm CEO
- 25 Llama Leaders, 3 pm @ CEO
- 26 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 pm @ CEO
- 26 Leaders Mtg & Fair Evaluation Mtg, 7 pm @ CEO

September 2019

- 2 Office Closed – Labor Day
- 3 Governance Committee 6 pm @ CEO
- 3 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm CEO
- 4 Awards Committee, 6 pm @ CEO
- 4 4-H Curriculum, 7 pm @ CEO
- 5 Shotgun Registration Due, 4:30 pm @ CEO
- 5 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Livestock Auction Committee, 7 pm @ CEO
- 17 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 Baking Club-Call out 6 pm @ CEO
- 20 Fall 22 Rifle Registrations Due
- 21 State Horticulture Judging Contest & Milk Quality, Meats Skillathon
- 24 Jr. Leaders Mtg, 7 pm @ TBA

October 2019

- 1 4-H Board Mtg, 7:00 pm @ CEO
- 3 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 4 Area Soils Contest, DeKalb Co
- 5 4-H Expo, 1-3 pm @ CEO
- 10 4-H Volunteer Hours Due
- 15 Horse & Pony Leaders Mtg, 7:15 pm @ CEO
- 19 State Soils Contest
- 22 Baking Club, 6 pm @ CEO
- 29 4-H Annual Meeting/Volunteer Recognition, 6:30 pm @ Walb Ballroom, PFW
- 29 Jr Leaders, 7:00 pm CEO

November 2019

- 3 Horse & Pony Completion Banquet @ TBD
- 7 Robotics Club, 6:30 pm @ CEO
- 11 Office Closed – Veteran's Day