

February 12, 2020

Dear 4-H Member (Grades 7-12 as of January 1, 2020)

This letter is packed with information, so read carefully, and if you have questions about anything mentioned here, be sure to call our office at (765) 342-1010. Included in this mailing is information about 4-H trips and workshops, Morgan County 4-H Ambassadors, and your 4-H Record of Achievement, otherwise known as white cards. What's a white card? It is a record of all the projects you have taken, offices and committee positions you have held, trips, awards, and activities you have been part of in your 4-H career. Start logging these things right after they happen! Can you really remember what you did in 4-H four or five years ago without writing it down? Most people cannot, and need to make a record of it somewhere. White cards are the place to do this. A hint: when your projects are checked out of the Exhibit Hall after the fair, you are given a list of everything you exhibited. **USE IT RIGHT AWAY** to update your cards!

1. Trip Application: I have enclosed a description of each 4-H trip that is being offered to you. If you meet the trip requirements and would be interested in participating, please complete the enclosed Trip Application form *with your white cards* and return them to the Morgan County Extension Office by March 1, 2020. You may find an electronic version of the white card on the website link www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan. As you are deciding which trips you would like to apply for, remember that you can **participate in these trips only once**. **The exceptions are 4-H Academy @ Purdue which you may attend in a different subject area, State 4-H Band and State 4-H Chorus, which can be repeated annually.**

The 4-H Council will be selecting the trip participants in mid-March. The 4-H members who have been selected to attend each trip will be notified by early April. Parents please remember that most 4-H trips and camps are sponsored by the Morgan County 4-H Council and by donors, however you may be asked to pay a portion of this trip should your child be selected. You will receive more information regarding the trip deposit amount to secure your child's participation and the amount. **Transportation and spending money are your responsibility.** Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy your summer by traveling with 4-H!!

2. Morgan County 4-H Ambassadors: If you are in Grades 9 -12 and are an enrolled member of 4-H in Morgan County, you are eligible to apply for the Morgan County 4-H Ambassadors group. The top ten candidates will be selected for this honor. These individuals help to promote 4-H in the county throughout the year. **Details and an interactive digital application were sent via e-mail January 27 to eligible members. You can visit our website at www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan to access the application form as well.**

The completed application needs to be returned via e-mail to rsheldo1@purdue.edu and morgances@purdue.edu **by March 1**, along with two letters of support from adults (other than relatives) who may recommend you for this distinction. These could be 4-H leaders, teachers, pastors, coaches, neighbors and friends, or anyone who could speak for your character. Please note that an Extension Educator is unable to write letters of support for these candidates. The candidates will interview with a group of judges who are familiar with 4-H to determine the top ten individuals.

3. **Camp Counselors:** Members in Seventh Grade and above are eligible to apply as **Mini** 4-H camp counselors. Teaching activities, directing project work, leading games and supervising campers in Grades K-2 are some of these counselors' responsibilities. Members in Eighth grade and older are eligible to be **Shakamak** camp counselors. These counselors teach sessions, lead groups and serve as cabin supervisors for members in Grades 3-6. Notification of counselors selected will be made in early April. (Two training sessions for Shakamak counselors will be held in April 29 and May 5).

4. **White Cards:** All 4-Her's who have completed the seventh grade and above should submit a photocopy of all their 4-H Record of Achievement (white cards) to the **Extension Office by March 1**. This is the 4-Her's responsibility, not the leader's responsibility. We will photocopy your white cards at that time so that the originals stay with you. Any 4-H members applying for trips and Ambassadors should submit their white cards with their application. (This includes Seventh graders applying for the Round Up trip.)

It is important to keep your white cards up-to-date. You should record information monthly on your white cards throughout the year. After the State Fair, submit your white cards and record books to your 4-H leader for grading and signing. As soon as the records and white cards are returned to you, continue to record information for the rest of the year. Accurate information on your white cards will help you remember when you accomplished something in your 4-H career. You may find the information helpful when you fill out applications for scholarships or other programs outside of 4-H too. The white cards will be used by the Awards Committee to verify participation in a project when picking 4-Her's for trips and awards.

After March 1 each 4-Her's points are calculated based upon the information on the white cards. The points are based upon the Morgan County 4-H point system. An explanation of point system and samples can be picked up at the Extension Office. Duplicated entries on the white cards will not be counted. Once the points are calculated they are added to the 4-Her's previous years' point total. Good luck!

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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www.extension.purdue.edu/morgan

2020 4-H Trips/Workshops Description Sheet



4-H SHAKAMAK CAMP COUNSELOR

Date: June 7-10

Location: Shakamak State Park

Who: Any member in grades 8-12 on Jan. 1, 2020 (Junior Leaders will be given preference.)

Purpose: To develop leadership while spending 4 days and 3 nights with 4-H campers from Morgan, Marion, Parke, Putnam and Vermillion counties. Camp Counselors serve as cabin counselors, group leaders and will have many other responsibilities during 4-H camp.

Cost: Junior Leader Club pays Attend camp counselor workshops in April and May.

4-H MINI 4-H CAMP COUNSELOR OPPORTUNITY

If interested check your calendars and complete the interest form enclosed.

Martinsville Mini Camp June 15-17 or Mooresville Mini Camp June 1-3

Youth in grades 7-12 lead games, snacks and activities; assist with craft projects and help Mini members learn basic life skills. Junior Leaders will be given preference, but any 4-H member in grades 7-12 may apply.

4-H BAND

Date: Saturday, June 20 - Monday, June 22

Performs at Monday evening of 4-H Round-Up on June 22

Location: Purdue University Campus

Who: 4-H members & other youth in Grades 9-12 on Jan. 1, 2020

Purpose: Youth attend a three-day band workshop at Purdue University which culminates with a public performance at 4-H Round-Up in June. Participants are chosen through a written application, which includes a recommendation by their band and/or instrument instructor. Selection is made by the 4-H State Band Director and State Band Coordinator. Youth should be in high school. Participants may continue participation through the 12th grade.

Cost: Delegate pays expenses for extra meals and remainder of performance uniform.

Sponsor pays up to \$200.00

4-H CHORUS

Date: Saturday, June 20-Tuesday, June 23 (Perform at Round Up June 23)

Location: Purdue University Campus

Who: 4-H members & other youth in Grades 9-12 on Jan. 1, 2020

Purpose: Youth attend a **four**-day choral workshop at Purdue University. Participants are chosen through a written application, which includes a recommendation by their vocal and/or choral instructor. Selection is made by the 4-H State Chorus Director and State Chorus Coordinator. All participants will audition for parts at the June Choral Workshop.

Cost: Delegate pays (\$60.00) expenses for extra meals and remainder of performance uniform.

Sponsor pays \$190.00

PURDUE ROUND-UP

Date: Monday, June 22- Wednesday, June 24

Location: Purdue University Campus housed in Harrison Residence Hall

Who: Any 4-H'er who has not previously attended Round-Up.

Grade Requirements: Enrolled in grades 7-9 on Jan. 1, 2020.

Purpose: 1. Participation in educational and inspiring programs and tours.
2. Career exploration.
3. Become acquainted with Purdue University.
4. Make new friends from across the state of Indiana.

Number Selected: 4-H members eligible

Cost: Delegate pays expense for some meals. Sponsors pay up to \$200.00

4-H ACADEMY @ PURDUE

Date: Wednesday, June 10-Friday, June 12

Location: Purdue University Campus

Who: 4-H'ers enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade on Jan. 1, 2020.

Cost: Sponsor pays up to \$200.00

The workshop topics are listed below and serve to be educational.

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/workshops.aspx>

Please use the form attached to indicate your priority interest.

- **ANIMAL SCIENCE**
 - a. Food Animal (care and management of animals; beef, dairy sheep, goat, swine, poultry, rabbit)
 - c. Horse and Companion Animals (horse, dog, cat, llama and zoo animals)
 - d. Animal Health: Issues related to the health and well-being of all animals including disease diagnosis and prevention, biosecurity, zoonotic diseases and public health.
 - e. Animal Bio-Science: Focus on how biotechnology is used in the animal industries and how break-through in discovery science have enhanced animal production.
- **HEALTHY LIVING:**
 - a. Exploring Health Careers: Students experience field trips and hands-on activities related to nursing, emergency medical services, athletic training and more! Students will also become CPR certified!
 - b. Intro to Emergency Medical Service (EMS): Students become CPR certified and learn through hands-on activities: scene size-up, patient assessment, rescue techniques, scene preservation, radio procedures and tours of fire stations, emergency helicopters and Mobile Simulation Ambulances.
- **FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION:** Learn about the science and nutrition of food from "farm to fork"! Participants will explore several aspects of food production, processing, preparation and consumption. Learn where our food comes from, how to reduce food waste, and preparation techniques for local produce.
- **SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE:** Learn through hands-on activities and field encounters lead by expert Purdue faculty, staff and graduate students about agronomy, agriculture, sustainability environmental sciences, social and economic sciences. Learn everyday consumer choices regarding food and the influence on agriculture. You will need to dress for outdoor site visits to various farms.
- **NATURAL RESOURCES:** Learn about forestry, fisheries and wildlife management through hands-on activities like wildlife radio telemetry, darting, aquatic sampling, mist-netting. Students will also learn about the many natural resources career opportunities.
- **PLANT SCIENCE:** Learn about plants, insects, bioenergy and natural resources. NOTE: Subject areas will vary annually depending on instructor availability.
- **SHOW ME THE MONEY:** Learn the essentials of financial management from the best network of financial professionals in the state. Experience a full day of Where Does Your Money Go® adventures at vendor locations in Lafayette. Come away with new tools to make your financial goals become a reality!
- **SPREAD THE NEWS:** Do you like to be the first to share important news and information with others? Do you like to be creative and write, draw or shoot photographs? Are you interested in a career in communication or journalism? If so, this workshop might be for you. Participants will use computers and cameras to develop news stories and photos for print and social media while exploring the vast array of careers.
- **4-H CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Start Local...Go Global**

How do local and state governments work? How can I impact issues that are important to me? You will learn about international relations, cultural diversity and related opportunities. Students will identify a topic of local interest, research the topic, and prepare a proposal to present to a panel of government officials.
- **STEM it UP! (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math):**

Computer Science: Come splice it all together with the new, fun computer science workshop. Learn about programming, hardware and networking by using a Raspberry Pi computer learning system to build a photo booth. You will then set up the photo booth at the Dance and link pictures of your friends directly to social media!

Engineering Science: You will learn how robots operate, what makes a good fuel for internal combustion engines, how computers draw without pencils, how to select the best vegetable/fruit variety for mechanical harvesting, and how to surf the Internet. The program will also introduce you to careers in various engineering fields.

Electric-Powering the World: You will be able to build and learn about electronic circuits, discover energy conservation and the systems that control energy, and explore writing code for microprocessors. There will be many different activities to give attendees a diverse topic list to participate and join us for the fun and exciting world of electricity and electronics!

The Science of Flight: During the workshop they will build model rockets and planes, take a ride in a small airplane and study aerodynamics to learn about the principles of flight as well as be exposed to career opportunities in aerospace. This workshop is open to 4-H club members in grades 9-12.

STATE 4-H JUNIOR LEADER CONFERENCE

Date: Tuesday, June 16-Friday, June 19

Location: University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

Who: Active Junior Leaders

Grade Requirements: Enrolled in grades 9-12 on Jan. 1, 2020.

Purpose: Learn various skill sessions, Recreation including State Park Group Olympics, participate in skits and talent show, and have fun at our banquet and dance. *Theme: "To the GOLD...Together"*

FACEBOOK: State 4-H Jr. Leader Conference

Website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/SJLC/home.aspx/index.html>

Number Selected: 2-4 delegates

Cost: Sponsor pays up to \$180.00.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Date: Saturday, June 27-Saturday, July 4, 2020 (Application available at the Ext. Office)

Location: Washington D.C.

Who: 4-H members grades 9, 10, 11, 12 on Jan. 1, 2020 (This is to be a one-time trip.)

Purpose: Indiana 4-H'ers will travel to Washington, D. C. by Chartered Purdue bus.

Visit the nation's capital and learn more about the meaning of citizenship. Listening, learning, sharing, receiving, caring and touring combine to provide a deeper respect and understanding for our American heritage and the principles, processes and structures of the U.S. government. Each delegate will take part in workshops on contemporary issues and topics such as: community development, economics, agricultural policy, leadership, careers and environmental issues, etc.

Cost: Delegate pays \$1600.00. All checks should be made payable to **Purdue University**.

INDIANA STATE FAIR EXHIBIT HALL WORKERS

Youth are hired to work at the State Fair from the end of July through completion of the State Fair.

Members must be 15 years of age by the end of July. (Eligible to work July 31-August 25)

Youth are responsible for checking in exhibits, setting up displays, staffing the Exhibit Hall, Centennial Hall, and Ag Hort Building, releasing exhibits, and cleaning up the buildings. These youth workers also serve as Indiana's 4-H Ambassadors as they interact with the over 900,000 guests visiting the Indiana State Fair. Youth are paid minimum wage and this is a tremendous leadership experience.

The application is due April 1, 2020. <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/State-Fair-Exhibit-Hall-Worker.aspx>
