

# The LINK

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## Performing Arts

This year the Performing Arts contest will be done virtually! Make a YouTube video to submit as entry! Showcase your talent as you choose from the following categories:

- Musical Act (singing, instrumental, etc.)
- Non-musical Act (dancing, tumbling, etc.)
- Group Act (check flyer for rules)

Download the entry form [here](#) and return by Monday, April 20.



## State Band & Chorus

State 4-H Band and Chorus are great opportunities to have new musical experiences and widen your musical knowledge. Both groups perform during Purdue Round-up. The dates are:

**Band:** June 20-22 (flyer [here](#))

**Chorus:** June 20-23 Purdue Campus (flyer [here](#)) & during Indiana State Fair

Applications are available for band [here](#) and Chorus [here](#). **Applications must be submitted to through 4HOnline by May 1st!** (Deadline has been extended) Only those 4-H members who indicated interest on the Trips and Activities Form in the fall 2019 will be considered for reimbursement.

## MON 4-H

Look for information to be coming through email regarding a virtual meeting in April!

# COVID-19 Guidelines

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, Purdue University has released guidelines for all Extension programs. This does include 4-H programs. Currently, there are not to be any face to face engagements (4-H club meetings, practices, try-outs, tagging days, field trips, etc) until May 18th. Please be aware that this date is subject to change. Along with this restriction, because there is no school for EVSC right now, 4-H meetings and events are also cancelled. The Extension Office is currently closed to the public but the office staff is glad to help you in anyway they can. If you need tags for livestock, project supplies or manuals please email Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) or Susan at [englishs@purdue.edu](mailto:englishs@purdue.edu). Because of the stay at home order issued by Governor Holcomb, we are asking that you wait to pick up your items until after April 7th (or the extended date, should that happen). We will contact you to let you know that your items are ready for pick up in the pick up box outside the Extension Office.



Follow Vanderburgh County 4-H to stay up to date on all things 4-H!

## 4-H Handbooks

The 2020 4-H Handbook is now available online! You can find it [here](#). Club leaders have paper copies of the handbook for each family.

**Be sure to read all project requirements thoroughly as some project requirements have changed.**



## Digital Craft Project

We have a new project this year— Digital Craft! If you are interested in taking Digital Craft, please go back into your 4HOnline account and add it to your project list. If you have questions about requirements for this project, please contact Josh Weiland at [jpw21683@hotmail.com](mailto:jpw21683@hotmail.com).



## Unused Manuals

Please return any unused project manuals to the Extension Office. Manuals can be expensive, so returning unused copies can allow the Adult Leaders organization to save money. Thanks!

## Adding Projects

Did you find another project you want to take? There's still time to add projects! If you want to add or drop projects, be sure to let our office know or make changes on 4HOnline by **June 1!** If you make changes online and need a new manual, let our office know so we can get one to you.

## 100TH VCF NEEDS YOU!

The 100th Vanderburgh County Fair committee is looking for pictures of current 4-Hers, their parents and even grandparents exhibiting at the Vanderburgh County Fair. They would love to have pictures of Livestock exhibitors, especially. Please contact Susan English at [englishs@purdue.edu](mailto:englishs@purdue.edu) if you are able to help ASAP!

## Superintendent Needed!

We are currently looking for a Horse and Pony Superintendent. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact our office at (812) 867-4935. Interviews will be conducted in April or May.

## Public Speaking Workshop

Thinking of entering the Speech and Demonstration contest but not sure if you have the skills? Join Vanderburgh County 4-H Alum, Nathan Seiler, for a Public Speaking Workshop to learn all about becoming a great speaker! Nathan participated in the Speech and Demo contest many times and earned Merit for Public Speaking at the Indiana State Fair. The workshop will be held at the Extension Office on Monday June 3rd at 6:30pm. Contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) with any questions.



Follow Vanderburgh County 4-H!

## Volunteer Awards of Excellence

In 2020, Indiana 4-H will recognize a Youth and an Adult 4-H Volunteer in each of five award categories. These five categories include Excellence in 4-H: (1) Club Programming; (2) Science Programming; (3) Healthy Living Programming; (4) Civic Engagement/Leadership Programming; and (5) Animal Science Programming. Additionally, a team award will be presented to a group of Youth and Adult 4-H Volunteers who have demonstrated "Excellence in Youth and Adult Partnerships."

Nomination forms and guidelines can be found [here](#). Nominations will be accepted via 4HOnline through April 30. We have many GREAT volunteers in Vanderburgh County! Be sure to nominate a volunteer that made a big impact on your life!

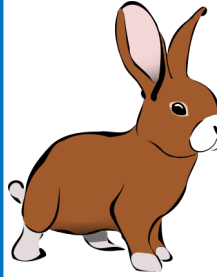
# ANIMAL PROJECTS

## YQCA Program

Again for 2020, to exhibit beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, dairy goats, meat goats, poultry and rabbits, 4-H members must be certified through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program. New year— those exhibiting PYGMY GOATS will be required to complete the YQCA training. This training can be completed online or in person. The cost for in-person training is \$3 per person and the online training is \$12 per person. Letters on how to register have been mailed and emailed to all participants that signed up for the projects that require YQCA. Because of the guidelines issued by Purdue University, we are not allowed to host face to face events through May 17th. Please check back for a reschedule date of YQCA trainings in Vanderburgh County. We will have these dates soon. At this time, you are encouraged to take the online training if possible. Please contact Taylor if you have any questions at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu).



## Rabbit Tattooing



Rabbit Tattooing has been put on hold at this point due to the COVID-19 situation. As soon as we have a date we will let all exhibitors know. Please contact the Extension Office with questions.

## Boer Goat Tagging

The Boer Goat tagging scheduled for Saturday, May 11 **has been cancelled**. All Boer Goat exhibitors will be asked to tag their own animals this year. There will be NO Rate of Gain contest this year. Please contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) or Susan at [englishs@purdue.edu](mailto:englishs@purdue.edu) to obtain tags from the Extension Office.



## Animal Tagging

Due to the guidelines issued by Purdue, there are to be no face to face events through May 17th. This would include tagging days. All exhibitors will be required to tag their own animals this year. Please contact Taylor at [tvanmet@purdue.edu](mailto:tvanmet@purdue.edu) or Susan at [englishs@purdue.edu](mailto:englishs@purdue.edu) to get tags from the office. We will place them in the pick up box. Due to the stay home order issued by Governor Holcomb, please plan to pick the tags up after April 7th (or the date given if it changes). Animals must be enrolled in 4HOnline by June 1.

## Family Enrollment of Animals

Animals are automatically co-enrolled within the same family (Siblings and step-siblings). The animals may be identified under a single 4-H member in 4HOnline and be exhibited by a different sibling listed in the same family profile. **With this capability in 4HOnline, animals do not need to be entered under each 4-H member in the family.** The exhibit management program will allow a member to select to exhibit any animal identified by the family in 4HOnline. It is suggested that at least 1 animal be identified by each member enrolled in the project.

## Animal Identification

Plan ahead to complete your animal ID information before the deadline below:

**June 1, 2020**

Market Steers via 4HOnline

**June 1, 2020**

Beef Heifers, Boer Goats, Dairy, Dairy Feeder Steers, Dairy Goats, Horse & Pony, Llamas, Pygmy Goats, Sheep, and Swine via 4HOnline

Poultry & Rabbits via Paper copy

Check out page 83 of the handbook [here](#) for animal ID requirements by species.

**Animals not enrolled by these deadlines cannot be exhibited at the county or state fair.**

