



December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### ***Weekly 4-H Update***

Dear 4-H Families:

#### **Scholarship Opportunities for 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders & Class of 2020 Grads – due January 25<sup>th</sup>**

Indiana 4-H has several scholarship opportunities available. Information, applications, and submission instructions are available online at <https://extension.purdue.edu/4h/Pages/scholarships.aspx>. Applications are submitted through 4HOnline, and members must be enrolled and program fees paid for 2021 in order to submit. 2020 Grads interested in applying should contact me at [joangrott@purdue.edu](mailto:joangrott@purdue.edu) to have your 4HOnline account activated. I will make myself available in January for Zoom appointments with applicants who would like to have me review their submissions and provide feedback before submitting. Contact me after the first of the year to schedule a time.

#### **Life Lessons 101 Series for High Schoolers – Invite Your Non-4-H Friends Too!!**

Life Lessons 101 is a statewide 4-H SPARK Program for high school students, which will be held (via Zoom) each Thursday from January 21<sup>st</sup> through March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m. central time. Lessons include budgeting basics, home care, auto care, self-care and mental health, and much more! More information is available at <https://bit.ly/4Hlifelessons>. In addition to enrolling in 4-H and paying the annual program fees (totaling \$20), there is also a \$30 registration fee to cover materials that you will receive. Interested in participating? Porter County 4-Hers should contact me at [joangrott@purdue.edu](mailto:joangrott@purdue.edu) for financial assistance with the \$30 program registration fee before registering for Life Lessons. Registration is due by January 8<sup>th</sup> and will be completed through 4HOnline.

#### **4-H at Home for the Holidays**

Go to <https://4-h.org/about/4-h-at-home> and download the 4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide for lots of cool activities including numerous craft ideas (ornaments, DIY giftwrap, paper snowflakes), food ideas (gingerbread houses, popcorn balls), and more. There's also a 4-H at Home Holiday Cookie Making guide with recipes from 4-Hers around the nation (there's even a gluten-free recipe or two, a guide for allergen-free substitutions, and a recipe for "Horse Poptarts" (for your horse!)).

#### **4-H Enrollment – The Perfect Holiday Gift – Enroll Now Through January 15<sup>th</sup>**

Have you enrolled yet? What are you waiting for? For more information and to enroll, go to <http://bit.ly/2021PorterCo4H>. (Online payment of the annual member program fee via credit card is preferred.)

#### **4-H Junior Leaders – All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders Welcome**

- Mark your calendars for the third Monday of each month. Our next meeting will be via Zoom on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. More information will be sent soon to those on our email list. Join our email list by completing the form at <https://bit.ly/JLemailgroup>.
- In addition to email, check out our additional communication channels:
  - Join our text group: <https://www.remind.com/join/pcjl>.
  - Join the Junior Leaders on Slack at <https://bit.ly/2020JLSlack>. Slack is an interactive communication platform for announcements and discussions. Learn more about it at <https://slack.com/slack-tips/slack-basics>. Our Slack is being coordinated by our Vice President, Rosalee Hough ([rosaleehough829@gmail.com](mailto:rosaleehough829@gmail.com)).

- You're welcome to join the Volunteer Meet-Up mentioned in the next section, particularly if you're willing to connect with adult volunteers to offer your help with technology and virtual efforts for clubs and projects. ;-)

#### **4-H Volunteer Meet-Up – December 15<sup>th</sup> – via Zoom**

I will host a Zoom session for all 4-H Volunteers on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Let's get together to celebrate the holiday season, ask any questions you may have, and share ideas about 4-H in the virtual world. Following is the meeting connection info:

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/3501351411>

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago); Meeting ID: 350 135 1411

#### **4-H Club Leaders & 4-H Project Superintendents – Complete Enrollment Processes by Christmas**

We are in the process of FINAL follow-ups. Help us reach our goal of having all Club Leaders and Project Superintendents committed, enrolled, and screened by Christmas!

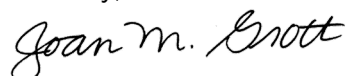
#### **4-H Adult Volunteers – Our Members Enroll by January 15<sup>th</sup> and You Will Too**

Volunteers who have not completed their annual enrollment and training by January 15<sup>th</sup> will be required to re-complete all initial screening paperwork, which includes references. (Get enrollment information and a link to the new version of 4HOnline at <http://bit.ly/2021PorterCo4H>.)

#### **4-H Adult Volunteers – If 4HOnline Status Still Appears as “In Progress”, Action is Needed**

Please check your 4HOnline account; if it shows a status of “In Progress”, check to make sure you completed the **entire** training, including quiz questions. If your status is still “In Progress” once completing the entire training, an extra “click” is potentially required. Click on the training again to make it complete. If you have any questions, please contact 4-H Program Assistant Justin Higer at [jhiger@purdue.edu](mailto:jhiger@purdue.edu).

Sincerely,



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