



December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

Dear 4-H Families:

#### **4-H Enrollment – Youth Members AND Adult Volunteers Enroll by 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 Club Leaders & 4-H Project Superintendents – Complete Enrollment NOW:** 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 serving in any role (leader, superintendent, Council member, committee member, etc.) who have not completed their enrollment and training by January 15<sup>th</sup> will be required to re-complete all initial screening paperwork, which includes references.
- **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).

#### **4-H Junior Leaders – All 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders Welcome – Next Meeting Monday, 12/21/2020**

The next Junior Leader meeting and holiday celebration will be held via Zoom on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Help set the holiday ambience by downloading our party backdrop at <https://bit.ly/2020JLSharedFiles> (a Google Drive folder) and set it as your Zoom virtual background. Zoom connection info: <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/3501351411> or dial in: +1 312 626 6799. See more JL News in our shared Google folder at <https://bit.ly/2020JLSharedFiles>.

#### **WANTED: Teen Leaders to Serve as Camp Counselors – Apply by January 4<sup>th</sup>**

LaPorte and Porter 4-H members in grades 8-12 are eligible to apply for a leadership position as a 4-H camp counselor. This regional leadership opportunity will allow youth to sharpen their skills in communication, teamwork, leadership, and more! Counselors take on much responsibility as they participate in planning, implementing, and directing camp activities. For information and application, go to <https://bit.ly/20214HCamp>. The required criteria of camp counselors include but are not limited to the following:

- Counselor applicants must currently be in grades 8-12
- Counselors will be available for the LaPorte-Porter 4-H Camp on the afternoon of June 1<sup>st</sup> through the conclusion of camp on June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Counselors will attend 100% of Camp Counselor Training sessions
- Counselors will secure \$100 in sponsorships to help support the 4-H Camp program

#### **Life Lessons 101 Series for High Schoolers – JUST IN: Porter Co. 4-H Council will Sponsor!**

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-H Council will pay the \$30 series registration fee** for all Porter County 4-Hers who have enrolled and paid their annual program fees. If you plan to register, contact me first ([joangrott@purdue.edu](mailto:joangrott@purdue.edu)) for more info on how to register without paying out-of-pocket. Registration is due by January 8<sup>th</sup> and will be completed through 4HOnline.

**Beef Project – Save the Date – March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

4-H Beef project members should save the date of Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 for Beef ID Day. Though this has normally been held the first Saturday of February, we're pushing it back for 2021 in hopes of seeing less COVID-19 in our community and to allow families more time to make decisions related to the Beef project.

**Purdue Beef Basics – Virtual Program**

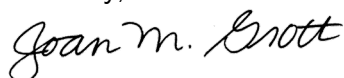
Purdue Extension beef experts are hosting a new program for producers with less than five years of experience or individuals considering starting a beef cattle operation. The program will be held Tuesday evenings, January 19<sup>th</sup> through March 9<sup>th</sup>. Topics include: overview of the industry, animal behavior, cattle health, forages and nutrition, genetics and reproduction, and more! Learn more at <http://bit.ly/PUBeefBasics>. There is a \$40 registration fee. Porter County 4-H Beef project members who have enrolled and paid their annual program fees (and Beef Committee members who have completed their annual enrollment process) should contact me at [joangrott@purdue.edu](mailto:joangrott@purdue.edu) for financial assistance with the registration fee before registering. Registration must be completed by January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Holidays! Bring on 2021!**

Thanks to everyone for sticking with us through the wild ride that has been the year 2020! I truly appreciate all of our members, volunteers, and friends that have supported the 4-H program and done their best to provide and/or take part in positive youth development despite a global pandemic! No matter how you're able to celebrate this season, find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy your family... even if it is on a computer screen.

I will be taking some time off the next two weeks and will return on January 4<sup>th</sup>. If you should need 4-H enrollment support over that time, please email both Program Assistant Justin Higer ([jhiger@purdue.edu](mailto:jhiger@purdue.edu)) AND me ([joangrott@purdue.edu](mailto:joangrott@purdue.edu)) and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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