

Hello 4-H Families,

The week ahead in 4-H:

Sunday, 5/19 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, Griffith, 2:00 pm
Sunday, 5/19 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00 pm
Sunday, 5/19 Shelby Ag 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00 pm
Sunday, 5/19 Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 5/19 RPF 4-H Club Meeting, Crown Point, 5:00 pm
Monday, 5/20 4-H Sewing Club, Crown Point, 5:00 pm
Wednesday, 5/22 4-H Dog Training, Crown Point, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 5/23 4-H County Committee, Crown Point, 6:00 pm
Thursday, 5/23 4-H Auction Committee, Crown Point, 7:30 pm
Monday, 5/27 Memorial Day Extension Office Closed

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/media/lake-county-4-h.html>. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.

Announcements:

Sponsors needed! Help us recognize our 4-H members' achievements. For only \$25 each, businesses and community members can sponsor a 4-H exhibit trophy or set of Champion medallions. Sponsorship money is due to the Extension Office by June 1. A sponsorship form is attached and also is available on the county website. Contact the Extension Office at 219-755-3240 to learn more.

Looking for a fun club activity? Build a rocket! Aerospace superintendent is willing to travel to your club and hold an Aerospace workshop. For \$10 a participant the 4-Her can assemble a rocket that will be ready to paint and then decal to be exhibited. Kits for mini to middle schooler are available. A parent or helper per participant needs to be available. We will be using UV curing adhesive and will need adult supervision. Contact superintendent Steven Shareef for more information.

The theme of the 2025 Lake County 4-H Handbook Cover will be "Join 4-H: Ignite Your Passion"! Members in grades 3 and above may submit designs for next year's 4-H Handbook cover. Entries should be no more than 8.5 x 11 inches, displayed vertically. Black and white (not color) is suggested. If a 4-H clover emblem is used, it must be compliant with 4-H guidelines. Members should include their name and club on the back of the entry. The winner will be announced at 4-H Achievement Night at the Lake County Fair. The winning design will be printed

on the next Handbook and may be used for other 4-H promotional materials. Entries due to Extension Office or 4-H office at fairgrounds by July 19.

Sign up now for the Photography Workshop <https://photography5-30-24.4honline.com> on May 30, 5:30 pm, at the Extension Office. Come learn about the 4-H Photography project! Bring your camera/phone.

Sewing Project Update: All Sewing project members are invited to the summer Sewing Lab (see flyer attached). It's OK if you haven't been to any of the previous meetings. Bring your supplies & work on individual projects with help available as needed. Finish up any items from previous workshops, or start something new! We also have sewing machines that members can check out to use at home. Please register so we know how many members to expect:

June 10 <https://SewingLab6-10-24.4honline.com>

June 12 <https://SewingLab6-12-24.4honline.com>

June 17 <https://SewingLab6-17-24.4honline.com>

June 19 <https://SewingLab6-19-24.4honline.com>

Do you have 30-60 minutes of time to give per academic semester? Are you passionate about supporting Indiana youth? We have an opportunity for you! Indiana 4-H is an approved intermediary to assist Indiana students in grades 11 and 12 meet new College and Career readiness requirements. We are currently looking for interested adults with a desire to share their career experiences with youth as Career Discovery Mentors. Indiana 4-H Career Discovery Mentors will work in the school buildings during the school day with individual students or student groups of no more than 5 to share important insights into the college and career journey. Mentors will work with students for 30 minutes discussing future career opportunities, education requirements for those careers, and the potential rewards of those careers. Virtual 1 hour trainings are currently scheduled for 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Thursday, September 5 to assist potential Mentors as they prepare to meet with students. Only one training is required and additional trainings may be scheduled to meet demand. Each trained Mentor commits to one 30 minute Career Discovery Meeting per semester for the 2024-25 school year. Mentors are welcome to conduct additional CDMs as needed by the schools. All Mentors must also be approved 4-H volunteers. Contact the Extension Office 219-755-3240 if you are interested!

Electric Project Update: A limited number of Electric project kits (extension cord and magnetic flashlight) are still available for purchase at the Extension Office. Kits can be ordered directly from <http://www.eeinabox.com/>. More information is available on the Indiana 4-H website <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-electric.html> (under "Other" tab).

Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Phi Omega Chapter of Gary, IN, will be hosting their very first Blood Drive through American Red Cross on Friday, June 7th between 12 – 5 pm at the Purdue Extension Office. The Junior Leaders are so excited about this Community Unity, Giving Life, Giving Hope event. Please share the attached flyer and sign-up link to donate. You must be 16+ to donate, but all are welcome to join. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=4H>.

Poultry members - June 8th and the potluck/workshop at the Buckley Homestead maintenance barn is quickly approaching. We will be meeting 11-3, the poultry barn will supply chicken and paper products. Please bring a dish large enough to share and drinks.

All that being said, I need a head count so I can order chicken by June 1st. Call or text Patti Nichols to RSVP 219-306-7845. We will be covering a lot of new information and have handouts suitable for logbooks. Please plan to attend.

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