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Thoughts from the 4-H Team



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The 4-H calendar is in full swing, which means important dates and deadlines are popping up left and right! Please remember there are 2 steps to entering projects and livestock. 4-H Online and Fair Entry. There are 15 days that both sites are up and running to get your projects and livestock added to take to fair.

May 15th– 4-H Online will CLOSE. Projects and livestock need to be entered on this website before you can add them to the Fair Entry website. No livestock can be added after this date by the office. State rule.

May 1st– Fair Entry will OPEN

June 8th– Fair Entry will CLOSE. No more projects can be added. The office and board need time to prepare, print, pack, move, set up and organize before fair begins.

Fair Entry Website: allencountyindiana.fairentry.com/Fair/Signin/23954

We have uploaded instructions for Fair Entry to our website under the Family Resources tab: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html>



Hey Club Leaders.....

Do you have someone or something from a meeting you want mentioned in our newsletter? Send us your pics and details. We look forward to showing off the fun and exciting things you have going on.



4-H Information



**Adelyn Brown is the
Allen County 2026
Farm Bureau Legacy
Award Winner!**

Congratulations Adelyn!

A special thank you to Tim & Amanda with the Llama Lovers Club for bringing these beauties to visit us at the Johnnie Mae Farm Block Party last Saturday. It was a great success and a joy to have you there. Thanks for all you do!



I DARE YOU AWARD

Do you know a 4-H member, grade 9-12, who deserves to be this year's "I Dare You" Award recipient for outstanding youth leadership? The award recognizes youth who strive to be their personal best and make a positive difference in their schools, youth groups, 4-H clubs, and communities. The program is intended to focus on emerging leaders – those young adults who have the qualities and abilities to lead, but who may not recognize or act on their leadership potential. Adult volunteers may [Click here](#) for the nomination form. Nominations are **due May 29th** and should be emailed to gsjones@purdue.edu or mailed to the office.



Follow us on Facebook where we share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

Allen County Indiana 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H>

Have photos to share ? We would love to see them! Please feel free to email allences@purdue.edu with your favorites!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



May 1,

FAIR ENTRY OPENS

May 3, 10, 17, 31

4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd
(Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-3:30pm)

May 5,

7-9pm

4-H Allen County Board Member Meeting @ Extension Office

May 7

5-8pm

Flower and Nelson chicken dinner sale pickup- Thursday

May 8

9-12am

Flower only pickup- Friday

May, 7, 14, 21

6:30-8:30pm

4-H Muzzleloading Workshop-Spring @ 5198 CR 68, Spencerville IN

May 15,

4-H ONLINE ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

May 16,

8am

Summit City Classic Dairy Goat Show

May 17,

2pm

Rabbit Ambassador Contest @ Whitley County

May 18,

6:30pm

Quality Livestock Care In-Person Training @ Extension Office

May 23,

10:30am

Allen County Jackpot Swine Show @ FG

May 26,

6-7pm

Junior Leaders Meeting @Extension Office

June 3-5,

Epworth Forest Camp

June 5,

6-9pm

Dog Agility -Awards to follow @ FG
-Registration 5:30pm

June 6,

9am-3pm

Dog Obedience & Showmanship-Awards to follow @ FG
-Registration 8:30am

June 7,

4-H Archery Workshop @ Allen Co Fairgrounds 2726 Carroll Rd
(Beginners 12-1:30pm & Advanced 2-30pm)

June 8,

FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE

June 16,

8am-8pm

Exhibit Hall Setup



It is the policy of the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service that all persons have equal opportunity and access to its educational programs, services, activities, and facilities without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, natural origin or ances-

Volunteers Still Needed !!

Click the links to sign up

Shuttle Ride Sign-Up

Tuesday June 23rd thru Saturday June 27th

2 Hr Shifts, Noon to 10pm, No back-to-back shifts

Drivers must be at least 18 years old. Contact Rick

Slayback to sign up for a shift: 260-437-0870

Exhibit Hall Set Up & Tear Down June 16th & 28th

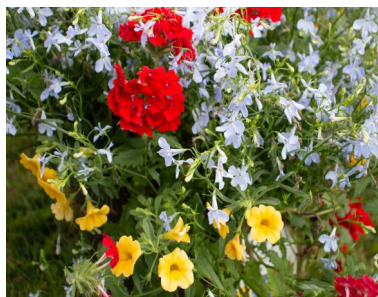
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Judges Assistants Needed June 19th & 20th

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BAAAB2DA1F9C34-63183083-foods>

Annual Plant Sale and Work Day Sign Up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448ABAB23ABFEC25-62970523-annual#/>





Project Information



Foods, Microwave and Homemade Ice Cream

Grades 3-12, no Mini category

Check-In: Friday, June 19th @ 5pm, Judging starts @ 6pm

Where: Home and Family Arts Building

Please ensure ALL food projects have a recipe card attached. These can be found on Allen County's website under the foods tab. If you need one emailed to you please send a request to support staff or stop by the office.

Foods Project Judging Expectations

Judging will begin promptly at 6pm. Adults who are not serving as judges assistants will be asked to step outside the building; however, please remain on the fairgrounds during judging.

Chairs will be available for youth to wait quietly for their turn. Participants are encouraged to bring quiet activity, although some will be provided.

Once a project has been judged, youth may leave and return later to pick up their dish or remain seated quietly inside the building.

All projects will be released once judging has concluded. Projects not picked up by the end of clean up will be thrown away.

Thank you for your cooperation— we look forward to a great 2026 Fair!

4-H Dog Project:

- Agility Show will be June 5th @ 6pm
-Registration @ 5:30pm
- Obedience & Showmanship will be June 5th @ 9am- Registration @ 8:30am

Awards to Follow each Show Both Shows will be held in the Home Loan Bank Building @ Fairgrounds.

Dog Posters will be checked in with all exhibit hall projects on June 19th & 20th (see schedule)

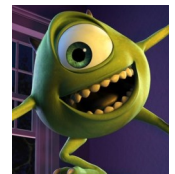
Pet Rabbit and Cat:

Project Posters will be checked in with all exhibit hall projects on June 19th & 20th (see schedule)

Live Show will be Wednesday June 24th @ 8:30am (cat) and 10am (rabbit) in Show Barn.

Cat Vaccination Forms Due to the Extension office by June 8th.

Cat Costume Class theme is your favorite Pixar Character!!!





Project & Check In Information



Creative Writing Communications Projects

Due June 8th to the Extension Office

Consumer Clothing-Fashion Revue/Sewing Revue

Consumer Clothing manuals will be judged separate from Fashion Revue. Manuals need to be turned into the Extension Office by June 8th. Fashion Revue will be held on June 19th, 6-7:30pm at the Allen County Fair Grounds. You will have a chance to show off your fashion flair by modeling your outfit or garment. To register for this event, you will need to sign up for a time by clicking: <https://bit.ly/426WpWt>. Times will be assigned on a first come basis. Make sure that you have registered for Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue, Consumer Clothing and/or Sewing Fashion Revue, these are 3 separate projects. If you have any questions, please reach out to the office.

Static Project Judging Expectations

Judging will begin promptly at 1pm. Adults who are not serving as judges assistants will be asked to step outside the building at 12:00; however, please remain on the fairgrounds until your child leaves the building.

Exceptions will be made for Mini's: Parents are permitted to stay during judging, if needed. Please use your own discretion.

Participants are encouraged to bring a quiet activity to help pass the time while they wait their turn with the judge.

Once your project has been judged, youth may leave the building to rejoin families outside.

After all judging commences, Exhibit Hall doors will reopen but projects/ribbons do not leave the building until June 28th @ 6pm.

Thank you for your cooperation— we look forward to a great 2026 Fair!

Attention Club Leaders: In order to keep everyone's projects safe and sound in the Exhibit Hall during the fair, we are inviting all clubs to take turns watching over each others projects. The need is 4:30pm-9pm June 23rd-27th. This is to ensure no one breaks, plays with or moves any of the projects or ribbons. Please use the link: <https://bit.ly/3QTiUvw> to sign up for the day that works best for you and your club.

Reminder: Some projects require a **craft information card or technique card** to be included with the project. For example: All Arts & Crafts, Sewing, Electric and Woodworking. They can be found on our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/allen-4h.html> under the subject rule. Or you can call or email the office and we will send you one. As always, let us know if you have any questions.

Contact your Livestock Club Leaders **for specie tags or questions**

RFID/DNA envelopes can be picked up at the Extension office during business hours or at most specie workshops. They are due by **May 15th** to the office!

Do you need a Premise ID?

If you are showing cattle, swine, sheep, goats you will need a premise ID. If your animals are being housed on someone's property, they will hold the ID for their property. It is recommended you have an ID for poultry but not required. To apply for an ID go to www.in.gov/boah/2700.htm. If you have not done this, please do it ASAP. It may take a few days to get the ID back and animal ID is due May 15th! If you are worried you will not get it by the May 15th deadline, I recommend you call the Board of Health at 317-544- 2381. This only needs to be done once for your farm.

Allen County 4-H

QLC

In-person Training

📍 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN

LAST CLASS BEFORE FAIR!

May 18th @ 6:30 Register here:

<https://2026AllenQLC.4honline.co>

We Have Poster Sleeves!!

22x28 poster sleeves are only 2\$

We have 16x20 salon size too!

Stop by the office during our business hours 8am-4:30pm

Monday –Friday



2026 Project Rules Available

The 2026 Rules Book is available online https://extension.purdue.edu/county/allen/_docs/2026-rules-book-final-draft.pdf If you would like a physical copy, please give us a **72 hour notice** to print and bind one.

Sewing project has a SKILLS and TECHNIQUES UPDATE that will effect judging. IF YOU ARE DOING THE SEWING PROJECT PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THIS REQUIREMENT.

There have been State updates to livestock projects this year. Please check with your livestock committee leader or call the office for clarification, if needed. Don't forget your craft, recipe, and sewing cards when you are putting your projects together. All required documents should be listed under the appropriate project on the website.

2026 4-H Fair Important Dates

Friday June 5th

Dog Agility Show, 6-9pm HLB
Registration 5:30pm, Awards to follow

Saturday June 6th

Dog Obedience & Showmanship 9am-3pm HLB
Registration 8:30am, Awards to follow

Monday June 8th

Creative Writing Project Due June 8th by 4:30pm
to the Ext Office

Friday June 19

Foods, Micro, Ice Cream Judging (closed judging)
6pm, HFA
Consumer Clothing and Fashion Revue Judging
(closed judging), 5-7pm EB (TENTATIVE)
Static Project drop off 3-6pm EB

Saturday June 20th

Static Project Drop off 9am-11:30am EB
4-H Project Judging (closed judging) 12:30 pm,
EB
Top and Honor Achievers and 10 Year Member
Reception 6 pm, TBD

Tuesday June 23

Swine Entry
Llama Entry, 8am-11am, LA
Rabbit Show 9am-12:30pm SB
English-Horse 11am
Commercial & Exhibition Poultry Show 3-6:30pm
SB

Wednesday June 24

Cat Show 8:30am-10am SB
Pet Rabbit Show 10am-11am SB
Horse Showmanship & Versatility 11am
Dairy Show 12 pm SB
Meat Goat 5 pm SB
Llama Minipalooza 6pm-8pm LA

Thursday June 25

Llama Showmanship 9am-12pm SB
Sheep Show 12:30pm -2pm SB
Mini Horse Classes 10am
Llama Judging Contest 12:30pm LA
Horse Contesting 3pm
Dairy Beef Show 4pm-9pm SB

Friday June 26

Dairy Goat 9am-3pm SB
Llama performance Class 9am-5pm LA
Horse & Pony Awards and Ceremony 11am
Horse Fun Classes 12 pm
Beef Show 7pm-8:30 pm SB

Saturday June 27

Swine Show 9am-1:30pm SB
Llama Fun Show 6pm-8pm SB
Fun Night and Dance 8pm-10pm SB

Sunday June 28

Swine Market Show 9am-11:30 am SB
Showman of Showmen 12pm-3pm Horse Arena/
Show Barn
Auction Set up 4pm-5pm SB
Project Awards 5pm SB
Non auction livestock/project release 6pm

Monday June 29

Livestock Auction Registration 10:30am SB
Livestock Luncheon 11am-1pm EB
Livestock Auction 12:30pm

**LIVESTOCK CHECK-IN AND BARN SET UP
TIMES WILL BE RELEASED SOON**

****NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change
randomly and without notice**

VERY IMPORTANT

4-H Online Deadline - May 15

All animals and projects need to be entered in 4-H Online by May 15, 2026! There is some flexibility for projects but not animals! You **MUST** be enrolled in a project to select that project in Fair Entry. If you run into problems, please call the Extension Office 260-481-6826 or email allences@purdue.edu

Fair Entry Deadline - June 8

Think of Fair Entry as a RSVP for a class, pen, poster rack or table spot for your project. We need to know how many spaces to reserve and what project labels we need to print. Fair Entry is to be completed by all in grades K-12. **Fair entry will not open until May 1st. Visit puext.in/allen4H under the Family Resources tab for detailed Fair Entry instructions.**

Tips and Tricks as questions have come in:

- You do not need to register an animal in 4-H Online as a mini 4-H'er. Communicate with your committee/leaders your intent to show and select project in fair entry
- Mini 4-H'ers do not specify projects on 4-H Online. They will register for specific projects on Fair Entry
- If Fair Entry will not let you select an animal, check the animal tab under that child on 4-H Online to ensure the animal is registered/listed. Please register rabbits in 4-H Online.
- Sign up for EVERYTHING you might bring to fair. It is easier to "scratch" project than add day of.

Horse & Pony & Llama

All Horses and llamas, must be in V2.4online on or before May 15. Fair Entry is due June 8th (this is mandatory as per state rules! If you need help please reach out!). Please remember to select all the classes you think you might compete in. We can scratch day of.

Identifying Animals on 4H Online

Horses and Llamas are the only species requiring photographs. You will need to upload two images of your animals in V2.4online for verification purposes. The first colored photo will be of the animal's head showing all features. The second colored photo will be a full body image showing all 4 feet and the head of the animal. If families need assistance adding the photos in 4HOnline, please call the office at 260-481-6429. If you want to see state's animal requirements click here: [animal requirements](#)

Mini Horse and Pony: All minis need to complete ID form, Vaccination form, lease form (if applicable), and liability release form and return to the office by June 4th. Forms can be found on the [Allen County Extension Website](#)

Horse & Pony Scholarship: 12th Graders - Ask your leader about the Joannie Tumbleson Horse & Pony Scholarship. The Application is due June 8th. The form can be found [here](#).

Livestock Workshops & Club Meetings

Club Meetings

Perry Boosters Club Meeting @ FG, 6:30-8pm, 5/21, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15 (tentative) 11/19, 12/17

Marion BG's Club Meeting 4/23 @ Kunkel's Llama Farm-Decatur 6:30, 5/28 @ Keuhnert's Milk House 6:30, 6/11 @ Hoagland Pavilion 6:30

Aboite Homesteaders Club Meeting 5/17 3-4p @ Van Hoozen Park, 6/13 9-10:30a @ FG, 6/23 TBD, 6/28 4p @ FG

Allen County Dog Club, meets every Monday, March 2nd—June 1 (except May 25th) 6:15-7:15 Obedience/Showmanship- 7:30-8:30 Intro to agility/open time

Horse & Pony Outdoor Practice Meeting @ FG, every Thursday April 30th--June 18th and Wed, June 17th @ 6:30-8:30p

Livestock Meetings

Saddle Bums Club Meeting @ Ext Office 6:30-8:30,

Horse & Pony Club Leader Meeting @ Ext Office 7-9, 5/19, 6/16, 7/21, 8/18, 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 12/15

Three Rivers Rabbit Raisers Meeting 6:30-8, 5/11@FG, 6/4@FG

Swine Committee Meeting @FG 7-9, 5/11

Swine Workshop Meeting @FG 7-8:30, 5/14

MARCH 31

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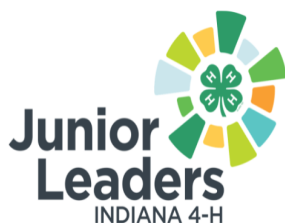
MAY 26

AUGUST 25

SEPTEMBER 29

OCTOBER 27

NOVEMBER TBD



MEETING DATES

ALL MEETINGS ARE FROM 6:00 - 7:30 PM AT THE ALLEN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE.

ANY CHANGES TO LOCATION OR TIME WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO CHEYANNE GEIDEMAN AT CGEIDEMA@PURDUE.EDU



INDIANA
STATE FAIR

**August
7th-23rd**

CONGRATS TO THE 4-H TOP ACHIEVERS



Natalie Sorg is a 9 year member of the Marion BG's Club. Her favorite 4-H projects are foods and scrapbooking. Natalie has also enjoyed showing llamas.

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Evan Brubaker is a 10 year member of the Eel River Club. Beef, meat goats and gardening are his favorite 4-H projects. The Summit City Goat Show holds special memories for him.

Congratulations 10 Year Members

Ashleigh Hadley

Lucille Young

Felicity Smuts

Ellie Short

Ellison Milanowski

Leah Mallory

Chase Malcolm

Joelle Borchelt

Adelyn Brown

Justice Davison

Grant Martin

Vivian Emenhiser

Holly Howard

Evan Brubaker

Lilly Pettigrew

Come help celebrate our top and

honor achievers!

**Recognition ceremony and
reception to follow.**

When: Sat. June 20th 6pm

Where: TBD

Who: Everyone!!!

Our 10 year members will be recognized on Sunday, June 28th during the award ceremony at 5pm in the show barn.



Ethan Wood is an 8 year member of the Aboite Homesteaders Club. Construction, recycling and woodworking are favorites of Ethan's.



Johnathan Smith is a 8 year member of the Cedar Creek Champions Club. He enjoys the electric and outdoor cooking projects the most of all.



Logan Wood is an 8 year member of the Aboite Homesteaders Club. Weather and cat poster and woodworking are Logans favorite 4-H projects.

2026 4-H Honor Achievers



Zayden Longardner is a 7 year member of the Marion BG's Club. His favorite projects are Do your own thing, construction and sports.



Hallie Paul is a 7 year member of Perry Boosters Club. Her Favorite projects are swine, goats and cattle. She enjoys showing livestock and helping younger members.



Merek Malcolm is an 8 year member of Eel River Club. He enjoys swine and sheep projects the most.



Love Rabbits?



Become a 4-H Rabbit Ambassador!



Allen County 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest

MAY 17 2:00 PM

@ WHITLEY COUNTY



Make New Friends!



Learn About Rabbits!



Build Leadership Skills!

Represent the Rabbit Project!



It's a WIN-WIN!

Interested in joining this year's team?

Contact Heather Brown for more info!

Hop into a fun leadership opportunity!

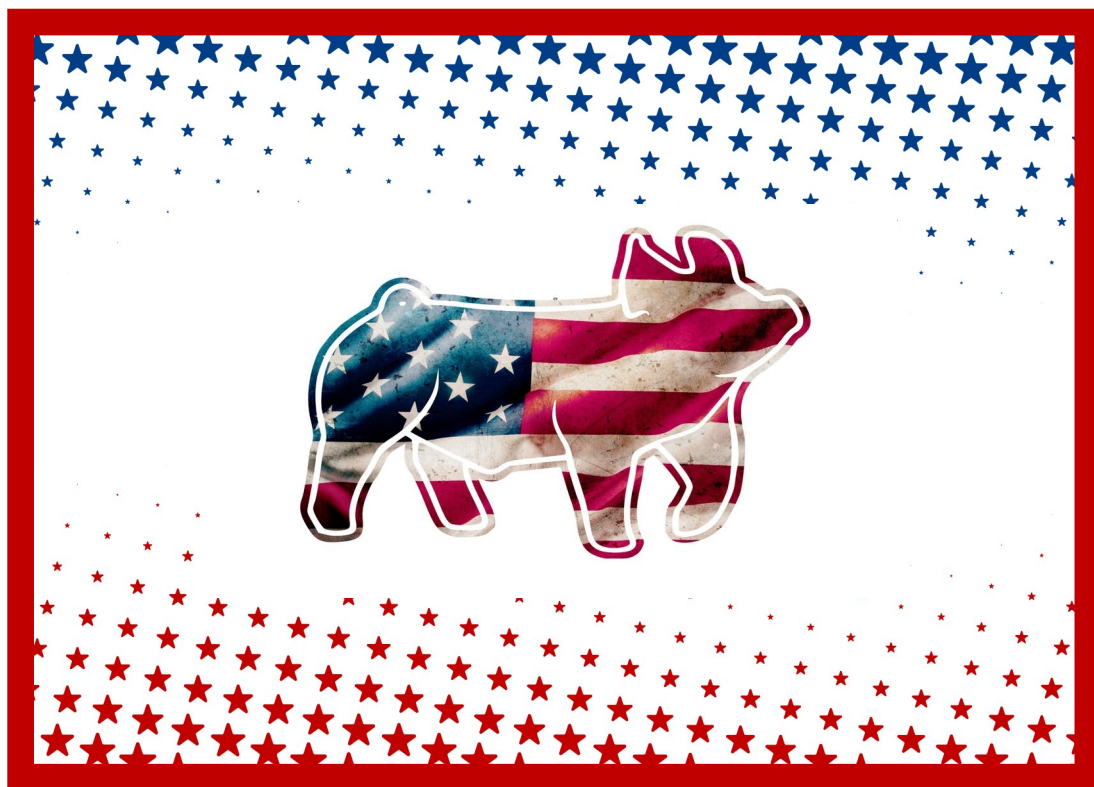


Memorial Weekend
Allen County Jackpot Swine Show
Saturday May 23, 2026

**2726 Carroll Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46818**

**Barrow Judge: Brian Hines
Gilt Judge: Payton Hines**

Payouts to Top 5: \$500, \$350, \$250, \$150, \$100



Entries: Showman.App \$35 per head

Registration: 7-10 am
Show Begins at 10:30 am with
Showmanship.
2 Rings Runs Simultaneously

Contact:
Pam Ott (260) 402-3434
Ryan Harrell (260) 417-8279

Show will be conducted in accordance with IJSC Rules

May 2026

On behalf of the Allen County Fairgrounds, we would like to provide all 4-H families with the following updates and announcements leading up to the Allen County Fair.

Tickets, Hangtags, & More

Youth 4-Hers will get a wristband rather than a paper pass that will be worn for the duration of the Allen County Fair. This will aid gate volunteers and help with lost passes. In the unlikely event a wristband is torn, a replacement can be obtained at the Fair Office in the Home & Family Arts Building. Reminder, all youth 4-H passes are donated by the Allen County Fairgrounds, and there is no cost to the Allen County 4-H program.

For those looking for gate admission tickets, they can be purchased in advance online. This will include the main gate, daily admission, as well as tickets to key pull strip events like the rodeo, monster truck show, and demolition derby. Find online tickets: <https://www.allencountyfairgrounds.in.com/online-tickets>

Please see attached flyer for additional pricing information and the availability of pre-sale and weekly pass options for the 2026 Allen County Fair. **We also have some sales planned for large bundles and discounts for the new Monster Truck Show. Watch our social media to learn more.**

Events

We encourage you to check out TheAllenCountyFair.com soon for a full schedule of events. The fair committee has worked hard to bring some new family-friendly events, and the Free Activities Tent is packed with more entertainment than ever. We are also adding events throughout the week in the Home & Family Arts Building. There are also many events you can participate in, like Farmers Olympics, Outhouse Races, Pizza Eating, and more. Don't miss out.

Camping

For those camping during the Allen County Fair, we are unable to provide electricity again this year. There will be no restricted hours for using generators. The board will be looking for solutions in the future. At this we are looking at investing in fixing the remaining parking lots and updating electrical. Reach out to Miranda at 260-449-4444 or miranda@allencofairgrounds.org for more information and to reserve a space.

Workdays

Watch our social media for alerts on workdays. There is a lot to do to prep for the Allen County Fair and individuals will be working at the fairgrounds almost every Saturday now through fair prepping. We can always use an extra hand if you can spare the time!



Allen County Fair Apparel

Would you like to celebrate the Allen County Fair with a t-shirt or a sweatshirt? You can order your items online now through **June 5th**, and your order will be delivered directly to the fairgrounds during the Allen County Fair. Items are available in adult and youth sizes in many color options.

For free shipping, select pickup at 46 Graphics in Churubusco or the Allen County Fair (available after June 22nd in the Fair Office). Shipping is an option if you wish for an additional fee. Order here:

<https://46graphics.com/shop/>

Miss Allen County

Entry is open for Little Miss Allen County. This program is open to girls aged 2-12, and participation is NOT limited to Allen County residents. There will be winners in three age groups—Little Miss Allen County, Junior Miss Allen County, and Pre-Teen Miss Allen County. Participation is capped at 25, and every participant gets a large bag of prizes and goodies along with a crown. The winners get to hang out with the 2026 Queens Court and will get VIP access to the Allen County Fair. The program is the featured fundraiser for the Miss Allen County Queen Scholarship Fund, and you can learn more on our website or reach out to Michelle Love at missallencounty@gmail.com | www.allencountyfairgroundsin.com/miss-allen-county

Congrats to our 2026 Miss Allen County Queens Court. Miss Allen County 2026: Jorja DeBolt, 1st Runner-up: Cale Sanders, 2nd Runner-up: Stephanie Onion, 3rd Runner-up: Mallory Schaefer, and 4th Runner-up: Holly Howard. Miss Congeniality is Sarah Kuhn, and People's Choice went to Holly Howard. Please look for the court at many events throughout the Allen County Fair.

Thank you, and we can't wait to see you all at the Allen County Fair, June 23rd to June 28th.

2026

Allen County Fair Pricing and Discount Information

Allen County Fair GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10 Admission (Tuesday-Saturday)

\$5 Admission (Sunday)

FREE till 2pm, weekdays

FREE till Noon, Saturday

Kids 5 and under are always FREE at the admission gate

June 28th, Military Appreciation Day, FREE admission with military ID

June 28th, Fairs Care Day, FREE admission with donation of five (5) nonperishable food items

Pre-Fair Discounted ADMISSION TICKETS

Allen County Fair tickets will be available for purchase pre-fair. Six (6) general admission tickets will cost \$50 and individual tickets can be used any day of the fair.

Fair admission tickets can also be purchased online at
<https://www.allencountyfairgroundsin.com/online-tickets>

***Watch for additional sales on bundle tickets prior to fair.**

Vehicle Hangtag PARKING PASSES

Vehicle hangtag parking passes are sold separate from Allen County Fairgrounds memberships. Each hangtag parking pass will cost \$50 or \$40 for those 65 and older. The pass will allow one vehicle to park inside the gated fairgrounds. No additional tickets will be included, and a hangtag does NOT also cover general admission to the fair.

Printed Pre-Fair Discounted Admission Tickets and Vehicle Hangtags can be purchased/picked up starting on June 5th at the Allen County Fairgrounds Office between the hours of 9am and 4pm and until June 19th.

Tickets can also be purchased at the Celebration Pavilion Saturday, June 20th 10am-2pm, Sunday, June 21st 1pm-3pm and Monday, June 22nd 6pm-9pm.



2026 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2026 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.

	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll in 4-H Online	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered Wethers	Breed Registry Tattoo 5-digit County Tag or Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Meat Goat Wethers (Including Myotonics)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered Myotonic Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15

Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered Unregistered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo	40 total	May 15
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs and Wether Dams Commercial Ewes Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official Scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample 840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15