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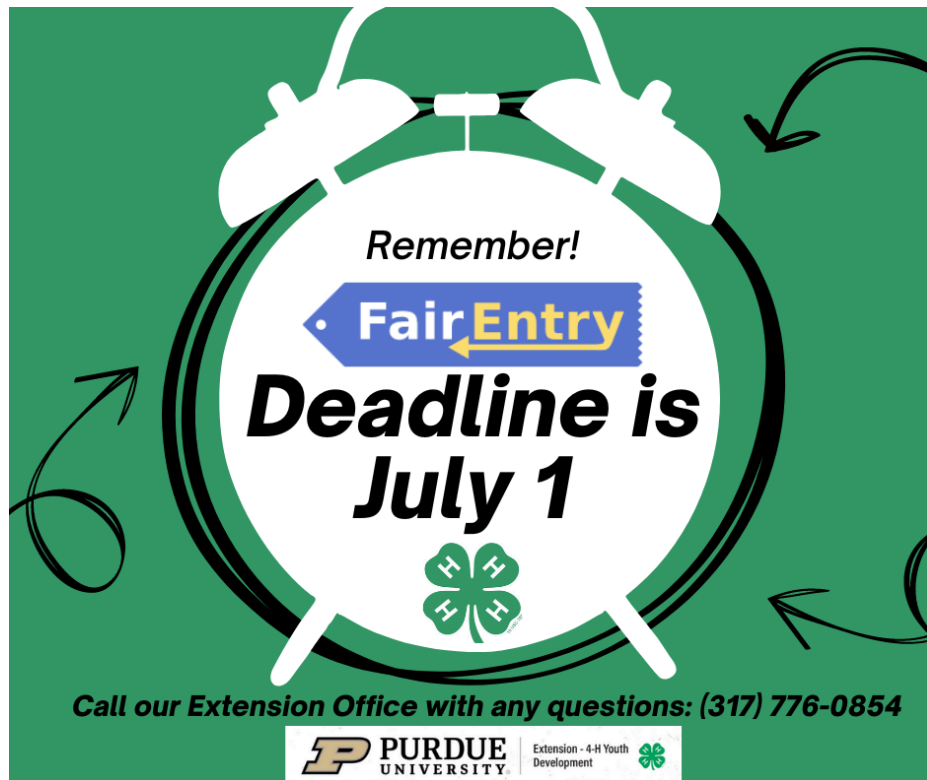
Reminders:

- **FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE: July 1!** This means if you want to bring a project to the fair you need to enter it into FairEntry by midnight on July 1. If you don't enter anything into Fair Entry you will not have a project judged. This is state wide 4-H rule.
- If you don't want to bring anything to fair but still want to complete your 4-H year, club leaders can sign off your record sheets and review you project manual activities for that project.
- **YQCA DEADLINE: July 1!** Youth planning to exhibit Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Poultry, and Rabbits must have either completed the in-person QLC trainings OR the online YQCA training by July 1. If you have chosen to complete the online YQCA training, you must submit a copy of your certificate to the Extension Office.

Please call, email, or stop by the Extension Office if you have questions about 4-H. We are here to help you.



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2025 4-H Fair Entry Page

It's time to get those 4-H exhibits entered! [Click here for 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Entry page.](#)

Fair Entry works with the 4Honline system, so you will use your 4Honline profile and password. You will not have to create another password. 4-H'ers will need to register each "exhibit" or "project" they plan to bring to the 4-H Fair in the Fair Entry system. This will be the way the Extension Office prepares the check-in/judging sheets and records the results.

Anything that gets entered and judged at our 4-H Fair MUST be pre-registered in Fair Entry by July 1. 4-H'ers who do not complete Fair Entry by July 1 cannot exhibit at the 4-H Fair.

If you are not sure that you will be exhibiting a project you enrolled in, go ahead and pre-register the exhibit. There is no penalty for registering an exhibit and then choosing not to bring it to the 4-H Fair.

Please contact the Extension Office (317-776-0854) with any questions you may have, or use our [help guide](#). We are here to help.

DID YOU KNOW?

Project Check-In Chart & Maps - We have charts and maps to assist you in knowing where to check-in your projects.

[Project List](#)

[Exhibition Center Check-in Flow](#) - All Static Projects will be displayed in the Exhibition Center

[Conference Room Check-in](#)

[Livestock Check-in Map](#)

4-H Fairbooks are in! Pick up your copy in the Extension Office today!

This book contains valuable information you will need to get ready for the 4-H Fair!

4-H Fair Information

Judging

- The 4-H Fair is open to the public July 17-21, 2025. Please note project entry dates and judging occur **before** the fair is open to the public, so **refer to your 4-H Fairbook** for these important dates and times.
- **Open judging** is an opportunity for the 4-H member to come and hear what the judge has to say about their project. It is intended to be a learning experience. You do not have to be present at open judging in order to have your project judged.
- Some projects are **closed judging**. These projects are judged without the 4-H member present. Judges are expected to make many written comments on the score sheet.

Project Reminders

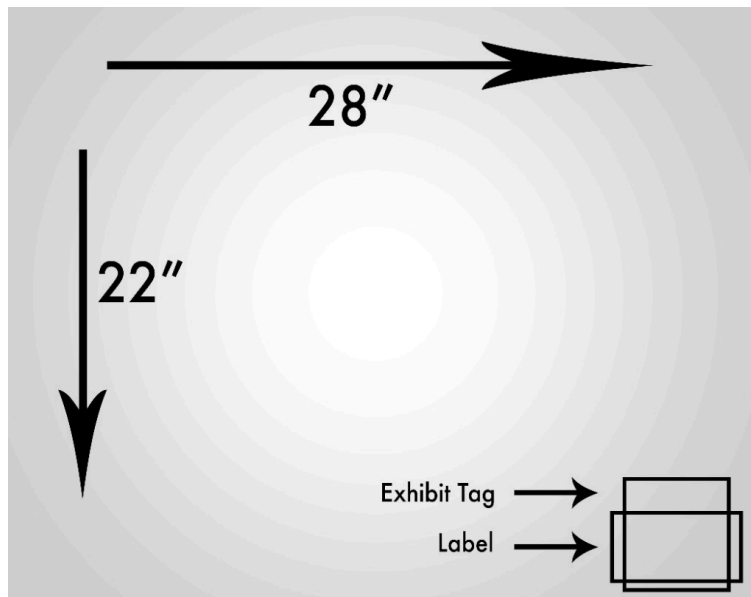
- Be sure to review the General Rules located on pages 30-31 of your 2025 4-H Handbook. These rules apply to ALL 4-H Exhibitors in all projects.
- **Foods & Microwave Recipe Cards** - All 4-H members exhibiting Foods or Microwave projects must submit a recipe on a recipe card with the

exhibit. [Recipe Cards](#) have been updated for Indiana 4-H. Make sure you are using the updated format of a full sheet.

- **Arts & Crafts** - All appropriate projects are ready to hang.
- **Craft Cards** - 4-H members enrolled in Arts & Crafts projects must complete and attach a Craft Card to their exhibit (one per each craft exhibit). This includes all General Craft, Fine Arts, Llama Craft, Models, and Needlecraft. Cards are available in the Extension Office or on [here](#).
- **Cards/Information Sheets/Manuals** - There are many projects (for example Cake Decorating, Home Environment, and Garden) that require a card, information sheet, or project manual to be turned in with the exhibit. Please read the requirements in the 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Handbook for each project you are completing.

Exhibit Tags

Exhibit tags are available in the Extension Office. You must have tags on all non-animal projects. Sewing requires one (1) tag per garment. Be sure to write in your name, club, project, years in the project, and your grade. On posters, please place the exhibit tag in the lower right corner of the poster, on TOP of the plastic. [Click here for printable exhibit tags.](#)



Posters and Supplies

- All projects exhibiting a poster at the 4-H Fair should be 22" x 28" displayed horizontally and must have a stiff backing (such as foam board, paneling, plywood, etc.). Poster must be covered with clear plastic to protect it from dirt, etc. **Please note:** Foam board bought commercially may be pre-cut in the wrong size, please measure to ensure accuracy.

- A small label (approximately 2" x 3") should be attached to your poster in the lower right hand corner underneath the plastic. The label should list your name and club unless otherwise specified in your project manual. This is in addition to your **exhibit** tag, which should be in the **lower** right corner of the poster on **top** of the plastic.
- If your project requires your manual to be attached to the back of the poster be sure your name is on your manual.
- The Extension Office sells clear plastic poster sleeves (22" x 28") and salon print size that simply pull over your poster, seal on the back, and are reusable! Also available: Foam Board, Electrical Kits, Bug Boxes, and more.

4-H Foods Auction

Foods projects selected for state fair and champion Microwave projects can exhibit in the 4-H Foods Auction. The auction will be held Sunday, July 20 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Exhibition Center Hall A. Those selected should have their product at the 4-H Fairgrounds by 4:00 p.m. Check in the Extension Office for more information. Items will be available for viewing beginning at 4:30 p.m. [Food and Microwave Auction Flyer](#)

4-H Fairgrounds Hours

The 4-H Fairgrounds is closed from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. every night. **NO ONE is allowed on the fairgrounds between 12 a.m. and 5 a.m.**

Parking for the 4-H Fair

- Due to construction, 2025 Fair Parking will be tight.
- We are asking families to not park trailers for the week along the tree line. Take the trailers home after checking in the animals, unless it is absolutely essential.
- There will be parking in the 14 acres south of the 4-H Fairgrounds (between Fairgrounds and Wal-Mart).
- Parking is restricted around the barns and retention ponds.
- The Pleasant Street Entrance **WEST** of the Sheep Barn will be an **EXIT ONLY** on Wednesday, July 16, except for Rabbits.
- [Please click here](#) for a map and directions for Livestock check-in on Wednesday, July 16.
- The speed limit on the 4-H Fairgrounds is 10 mph. No underage drivers will be allowed to move vehicles on the 4-H Fairgrounds.
- **Unloading Zones:** For livestock exhibitors who need to unload supplies during the Fair, we ask that you leave your headlights on while unloading

and move your vehicle immediately after unloading. This will allow others the opportunity to unload their supplies. **There will be no parking around the barns!**

- **Handicapped Parking:** Please respect our handicapped visitors by not parking in handicapped spaces. There will be a shuttle service available for elderly or disabled visitors from the parking lot to the main grounds by calling the Extension Office (317-776-0854). If you know of someone needing assistance, encourage them to call.

Evaluation Forms

Evaluation Forms will be available in the Extension Office for your comments about the 2025 4-H Fair and suggestions for the 2025 4-H Program. These comments and suggestions will be reviewed by the 4-H Council in the Fall. You must sign your evaluation form in order for it to be published and reviewed.

Project Release

You must pick up your 4-H projects on **Tuesday, July 22 from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. or 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Projects will not be released prior to this date. If you are unable to pick up your project(s), make arrangements NOW with a friend or 4-H leader so you can receive your exhibit as soon as possible. Refer to your 2025 4-H Fairbook for the schedule and check-out procedures. **Please note: State Fair information and awards will be available during check out.**

Fair Clean Up

We need the help of ALL 4-H members, Junior Leaders, and parents on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 to clean up the 4-H Fairgrounds after the Fair. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. If a large number of people pitch in, it will not take long to get the grounds in order. THANKS!



Livestreaming at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair

[Hamilton County Television](https://www.hctv1.com/) has partnered with 4-H Council again this year to livestream events throughout the Fair including the Queen Pageant on Friday July 11. Share this link <https://www.hctv1.com/> with friends and family

members that are not able to attend in person.

4-H Fair Photos

Simplicity Creative will be out and about throughout the week taking photos of the 4-Hers in action at the different events. 4-H Council has secured Fair photo sponsors this year to cover the cost of the photographer and photos.

Photos will be available from the [Simplicity Creative website](#) as a digital download. An approximate schedule for the fair photographers will be posted around the 4-H Fairgrounds.

Road Construction

As the City of Noblesville and Hamilton County continue to work on the Pleasant Street Expansion, 4-H Families may need to find an alternate route.

[Click here to check for updates.](#)

4-H Fair Safety

Tent Safety

- Follow manufactures recommendations
- Monitor the weather
 - Lower or take down if strong winds or thunderstorms are forecasted
- Consider using more robust stakes
 - Heavy-duty stakes are recommended
- No personal tents larger than 12x12 allowed on Fairgrounds
 - Exception to rule: Grooming tents installed on the day of that species show. See Handbook page 122.
- No generators, couches, refrigerators, or microwaves will be allowed in individual tents.



Extension Cord Safety at the Fair

- Make sure extension cords are properly rated for their intended use, indoor versus outdoor. Outdoor extension cords have tough covers made from rubber, plastic, or vinyl. Indoor extension cords used outdoors can overheat.
- Inspects cords for damage before use. Check for cracked or frayed cords or sockets, loose or bare wires, and loose connections. Do not use damaged cords and dispose of them immediately. Touching even a single exposed strand of wire can give you an electric shock or burn.
- Do not connect multiple extension cords together.

Generators at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair

4-H Families are permitted to bring generators for the 2025 Hamilton County 4-H Fair on the day of that species show only, generators use is for animal care. County EMA and Risk Management states that generators must:

- Not be under the tents or awnings.
- Be outside of the tent.
- Have no straw or hay around them.
- Have nothing flammable around them.
- Be properly maintained.

Animal Announcements

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals Training- completed certificate due July 1

Those that completed the ONLINE Youth for the Quality Care of Animals MUST send us a copy of your certificate of completion. A copy of the certificate can either be dropped off at the office/drop box or you can email it to

kyutzy@purdue.edu

Recommended Show Ring Attire

Livestock exhibitors are strongly encouraged to dress in a manner appropriate to show livestock. Examples of such appropriate dress would include button down shirts, golf shirts with collar, jeans, or long pants, and if possible, work boots or work shoes to protect feet. It is suggested exhibitors **NOT** wear tank tops, t-shirts (other than those approved by the club), mid-riff tops, halter tops, baggy pants, shorts, cut-offs, sandals, or tennis shoes. **No clothing may be worn by an exhibitor that identifies farm name and/or breed during judging competition.**

Animals and Extreme Heat

Here are some items to consider in dealing with extreme heat. Many of these have been successfully employed at other county fairs.

- Drinking water should be available at all times.
- Keep animal movement to a minimum.
- Watering cans can be used to individually wet down animals without having to move them.

- Bottles of ice can be placed in cages of small animals.
- Refrigerated ceramic tiles can be used for small animals to lay on.

Livestock Check-in & Check-out

- Swine: ALL purebred gilts and purebred barrows must present registration papers at check-in on Wednesday, July 16 from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Sheep, Rabbits, Poultry & Waterfowl, Goats, and Cattle will check in on Wednesday, July 16 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Horse & Pony check-in is 4:00-8:00 p.m. Llama check-in is 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Swine Breeding Stock check-out is Sunday, July 20 from 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Check-out for non-sale livestock will be Tuesday, July 22 from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **A 4-H'er who chooses to take their 4-H animals home prior to the scheduled animal release time will incur the following penalty:** 4-H'er will not be allowed to participate in the 4-H livestock auction of the current fair and will not be allowed to exhibit in the project at the next year's fair but will be allowed to complete the project the following year.

Livestock Auction

- Auction forms will be available in the Extension Office starting on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.
- All guidelines for the Livestock Auction are outlined on pages 74-76 of the 4-H Fairbook. The 2025 Sale will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22. Sale order for 2025 is: Beef, Sheep, Dairy & Meat Goats, Swine, Poultry and Rabbit.
- **All sale entries must be signed by 4-H member selling the animal, as well as a parent or guardian and be in the Fair Office before 12:00 NOON on Saturday, July 19, 2025. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

State Fair Information

State Fair Entries for Static Projects

All 4-H entries for State Fair projects except animals, crops, and garden will be selected by the judges and automatically entered by the Extension Office. **Be sure to collect your exhibitor packet during project check-out on Tuesday,**

July 22 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for specific instructions.

Indiana State Fair Tickets

We have a small number of State Fair tickets available to our 4-H members whose exhibits are selected for State Fair. There will only be tickets available as follows:

- One (1) ticket for each 4-H'er who has a non-animal 4-H project exhibited at the State Fair (distributed in exhibitor packet with state fair entry information).
- One (1) ticket for each organizational project and club leader (available in the Extension Office during the 4-H Fair).

Activities & Opportunities

Award Sponsorship

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is just around the corner! Each year awards are given to outstanding 4-H members who receive Grand Champion, Reserve Grand Champion, and Champion honors in their respective project areas. As a sponsor, your name would be listed in the 2026 Hamilton County 4-H Fairbook. If you are interested in sponsorship, [please click here.](#)

Support Your 4-H Fair! Sign up to Volunteer!

Help us prepare the 4-H Fairgrounds for your exhibits!

Join us at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2025. Wear your old clothes and be ready for cleaning, setting up tables & chairs, labeling 4-H awards, etc. Not sure where to help? Stop in the Extension Office and we will direct you to a job site. We will have donuts outside the kitchen from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. to show our appreciation. Many hands make light work! Thank you in advance!

Building Hosts & Hostesses

Help host the 4-H Exhibits during the 4-H Fair. During your host time, you will answer questions, watch exhibits and help keep the building(s) neat. We need your family's help. Please visit our [Sign Up Genius](#) or call the Extension Office

at 317-776-0854 to schedule a time.

Producer Barbecues Need Volunteers - The Hamilton County Producer groups would like to invite any parents of 4-H members to help with the Producer Barbecues during the 4-H Fair on Thursday, July 17 - Monday, July 21. Volunteers will be serving food. They will NOT be cooking or running a register. If you are interested, please email Chelsea Hanni: hannic44@gmail.com.



Help us get the word out on Facebook! [RSVP and share the event on your profile.](#)

[4-H Fair Judges](#)

At the June 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Council voted to post Judges' names in the Fair Chatter for 2025. Going forward, Fair Judges' names will be posted on the first business day in June on our 4-H [website](#).

Important Dates

July

- **Fair Entry Deadline - July 1**
- Purdue Extension Office Closed for Independence Day - July 4
- **Pre Fair Judging - July 8**
 - Bicycle
 - Consumer Clothing - Fashion Revue
 - Consumer Clothing Notebooks due in Extension Office by Noon
 - Sewing
 - Rocket Launch
- 4-H Fair Queen Pageant and Recognition Night - July 11
- 4-H Fair Set-up Day - July 12 at 8:00 a.m.
- Livestock Check-in - July 16
- Hamilton County 4-H Fair - July 17-21
- Hamilton County Youth Talent Contest - July 21
- 4-H Livestock Auction - July 22

August

- Indiana State Fair August 1-17

[Click to go to our 4-H Fair page](#)

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