



Participant Application

Who: Youth grades K-12 interested in learning about livestock with the 4-H program.

What: Participants in the program work one-on-one with a mentor family to become familiar with raising and handling an animal and will exhibit at the 2024 Kosciusko County Community Fair in a noncompetitive showcase. Youth in this program can also participate in camps, workshops, and general 4-H projects such as Legos, Crafts, Sewing, Foods, Creative Writing, Sport fishing, and more!

Note: Our target audience is youth with special needs. The purpose of this program is to give youth and their families an opportunity to work with livestock that they may not have otherwise by having them show another 4-H member's project in the special Poss-ABILITIES Showcase. If you and your child would like to purchase your own animal and show in the competitive show, the Poss-ABILITIES program can also provide mentors to help you lease or purchase an animal. Please note your interest in these options on the application and we will contact you with more information.

Requirements: Participants must attend a minimum of three visits with the mentor family and the animal they will be showing. 4-H enrollment is \$15 for regular 4-H members (grades 3-12) and \$5 for mini 4-H members (grades K-2). The enrollment fee is sponsored for first year Poss-ABILITIES participants and scholarships are available to cover the cost of enrollment for other members.

When & Where:

- Initial meeting: will be held April 23, 2024 at the Purdue Extension Office: 202 W Main St, Warsaw, IN 46580
- Mentor Families will be selected in close proximity to the participant's residence when available.
- The showcase will be held Wednesday, July 10 in the John Anglin Memorial Show Arena at the Kosciusko County Community Fairgrounds: 1400 E Smith, Warsaw IN 46580

How: Complete the attached application and return:

Purdue Extension- Kosciusko County

Mail/ personal delivery: 202 W Main Street, Warsaw IN 46580

Email: graff8@purdue.edu

Applications for the 2024 showcase must be submitted by April 15. If you miss this deadline, please feel free to still contact us about this program.



Poss- ABILITIES Program Participant Application

** Mentors will be assigned on a first-come, first served basis. Applicants can apply at any time to join the program and participate in workshops and meetings.*

Name: _____

Parent/ Guardian name(s): _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred method of contact: mail email (circle one)

Age: _____ **Grade:** _____ **School:** _____

T-shirt size: _____ Youth Adult (circle one) **Extra Shirts** _____

1. How far are you able to travel to work with a mentor family?

(All mentors are within Kosciusko County limits) _____

2. Please rank the animals you are interested in working with (1 being your first choice); cross off any you are uncomfortable with; every effort will be made to arrange one of your top choices.

Beef (1000+ lbs)

Beef Feeder Steer (200- 800 lbs)

Dairy Feeder Steer (200 – 800 lbs)

Sheep (less than 150 lbs)

Poultry (duck or chicken)

Swine (200-300 lbs)

Goat (less than 100 lbs)

Dairy Heifer

Rabbit Llama/ Alpaca

3. What is your child’s general feeling in regards to animals?

4. What are your child’s strengths?

5. What are your child's obstacles?

6. How would you like to see your child benefit from this program?

7. What programs/ therapeutic services is your child enrolled in?

8. What goals does your child have?

9. Are there any specific accommodations that will be necessary that a mentor family should be aware of?

10. What other 4-H opportunities are you interested in learning about? (General projects such as photography, Legos, crafts, foods, scrapbooking, and creative writing, camps, workshops, etc.)

By signing this enrollment form, you understand that your mentor family is not responsible for accidents; youth participants are covered by Purdue University insurance when participating with approved 4-H programs. All accidents must be promptly reported with an official reporting form to be provided to all mentors and participants. You also grant permission for participants to be photographed and photos to be used in press release/ promotional material. If selected to participate, an official 4-H Enrollment application must be completed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____