

Hello 4-H Families,

Here are a few reminders before Pre-Fair Judging.

All 4-H volunteers and teen members are asked to assist with **Building Set Up** (the 4-H Building at the Lake County Fairgrounds) at 4:00 pm on July 8. PIZZA PARTY then Junior Leaders and various committee meetings will follow. Please contact Linda Dillon at 219-313-5633 if you have questions.

We will use your FairEntry registration information to pre-print entry tags for each non-animal exhibit, including Mini 4-H. Please attach securely to your exhibit in a visible location (for posters, place the tag in the lower righthand corner). All registered 4-H exhibitor families will receive an **Exhibitor Packet with their youth Fair Pass, Entry Tags, and Livestock parking hanger** (if applicable). Packets may be picked up

- At 4-H Building Set Up on July 8
- During Pre-Fair judging check in (see schedule for dates and locations)
- At the Extension Office between pre-Fair judging and the start of the Fair
- Adult volunteers who requested Fair Passes may also pick them up at those times.

A **schedule** of 4-H Pre-Fair and Fair events/due dates is attached. Remember that some exhibit judging will be held at the Extension Office this year! Don't go to the Fairgrounds by mistake on those days!

Pro Tip: As you finish up your exhibits, take one last look at the exhibit guidelines in your 4-H Handbook. Make sure you have completed everything, including any Exhibit Cards or Skills Sheets that may be required.

Be sure to complete a **Craft Information Card** for each Arts and Crafts, Fine Arts, Construction & Architectural Replica, and Needlecraft exhibit. This will help the judge understand how you created your exhibit! Cards are available from the Indiana 4-H Projects website <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/projects/arts-and-crafts/4-H-618A-W.pdf>

The theme of the 2026 Lake County **4-H Handbook Cover** will be "4-H for All Seasons"! 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 18.

The **Music Performance** is July 26th at Plum Grove Music Hebron, IN 46341. Please contact Angie Davids at 219-775-0835 if you have questions.

The date for **Achievement Night** has been changed from July 31st to July 27th at 5pm.

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