

2026 4-H EXHIBITION PRE-FAIR SCHEDULE

Approved by 4-H Council on DATE

Wed., March 25	6:00 PM Communications Speeches & Demonstrations	South Central High School
Sat., June 6	8:00 AM Tractor Safety & Operator Skills Contest	Extension Office
Mon, June 15	6:00 PM 4-H Ten Year and Senior Recognition Night	Community Building
Fri., June 19	3:30 PM Consumer Clothing & Creative Writing Notebooks Due	Extension Office
Mon., June 22	10:00 AM – 2 PM Building Cleaning & Setup	4-H Exhibit Hall

June 22nd to June 26th from 8:00-4:00 PM Early Project Drop-Off for all projects dropped off in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. All projects must be turned in prior to judging times except foods. Evenings June 23rd and June 25th will be available from 4 PM - 6:30 PM.

Friday, June 26 | 4-H Project Judging - Westville High School, 207 E. Valparaiso St.

8:45 AM	Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 8th to 12th	Door #2
11:45 AM	Sewing & Fashion Review: Grades 3rd to 7th	Door #2
9:00 AM	Consumer Clothing Grades 3rd to 5th	Door #2
10:30 AM	Consumer Clothing Grades 6th to 8th	Door #2
	Noon Consumer Clothing Grades 9th to 12th	Door #2
7:00 PM	Fashion Revue	Door #3

Saturday, June 27 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

8:00 AM	Dog Check – In	Livestock Show Arena
8:30 AM	Dog Show – Showmanship, Trick, Obedience, Rally Obedience, Costume, & Brace	Livestock Show Arena
	Project Drop Off Time, You will simply grab your tags and drop all your projects off at the table where it will	
8:00 – 10:00 AM	be judged. If you are staying to talk to the judge you will highlight your entry number. All projects must be turned in prior to judging times except foods.	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
9:00 – 10:00 AM	Communication Notebooks	Sheriff Side
9:00 AM	Foods: Baked – Level A & C	Community Building
9:00 AM	Foods: Preserved – All	Community Building
10:30 AM	Foods: Baked Level B & D	Community Building
	Construction & Architectural Replica: Farm Toy Scene, Building Toys & All Other Materials, Child	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Development, Genealogy, Health, Veterinary Science, Wildlife, Performing Arts Notebooks, Leadership, Soil & Water Science, Weather & Climate Science, Container Garden	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
	Cake Decorating, American Heritage, Electric,	
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Geology, Home Environment, Woodworking, Entomology, Small Engines, Garden	4-H Exhibit Hall Back
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Shooting Sports, Sportfishing	Sheriff Side

Sunday, June 28 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

8:00 AM	Dog Check-In	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Dog Show – Agility, Jumpers & Weaves	Livestock Show Arena
11:30 AM	Cat Show (Noon start time) Check-In	Community Building

Monday, June 29 | 4-H Project Check In & Judging - LaPorte County Fairgrounds

8:00 – 4:00 PM	Project Check-In Option for MONDAY projects ONLY (all other projects should have already been turned in)	4-H Exhibit Hall
5:00 - 6:15 PM	Mini 4-H Project Check-In & Judging	Community Building

5:00 - 6:30 PM	Computer Science, Do Your Own Thing, Beekeeping, Forestry, Collections, Needlecraft, Bicycle	4-H Exhibit Hall Front
5:00 – 6:30 PM	Arts & Crafts, Photography Dog Education, Draft Horse Education, Horse Education, Llama Education, Rabbit Education, Goat	4-H Exhibit Hall Back
5:00- 6:30 PM	Education, Sheep Education, Swine Education, Dairy Cattle Education, Beef Education, Cat Education. Aerospace, Model Craft, Fine Arts	Sheriff Side
6:30 - 7:00 PM	Mini 4-H Pet Parade	Livestock Show Arena

Friday, July 10 | 4-H Livestock Check-In

2:00 – 5:00 PM	4-H Beef Arrival (All beef cattle except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Beef Barn
3:00 – 6:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Check-In	Rabbit Barn
4:00 – 7:00 PM	4-H Poultry Check-In	Poultry Barn
5:00 – 8:00 PM	4-H Goat Check-In	Goat Barns
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Horse and Pony Check-In	Horse Arena
6:00 – 8:00 PM	4-H Miniature Equine Check-In	Mini Equine Barn

2026 LAPORTE COUNTY FAIR 4-H EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 11 | Noon – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Sheep Check-In	Sheep Barn
8:00 – 10:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Check-In	Draft Horse Barn
After Open Show	4-H Rabbit Judging Contest	Rabbit Barn
9:00 – 11:00 AM	Small Animal Drop Off (Fish Tanks ONLY)	Small Projects Building
By 10:00 AM	4-H Beef Arrival (All beef cattle except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Cattle Barn
10:00 AM – Noon	4-H Beef Weigh-In (except dairy feeders, prospects, and cow/ calf)	Beef Barn
9:30 – 11:30 AM	4-H Market Lamb Weigh-In	Sheep Barn
Not before 11 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show - Trail	Horse & Pony Show Arena
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Graduation (following the Queen's Contest)	Livestock Show Arena
7:00 PM	Walk of 4-H Champions (following Mini 4-H Graduation)	Livestock Show Arena

Sunday, July 12 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Swine Arrival	Swine Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Dairy, Pygmy, & Boer Goat Show	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Ranch Classes, Horseless Horse to Follow	Horse & Pony Show Arena
9:00 - 10:00 AM	Dairy Feeder, Prospect, and Cow Calf Arrival	Cattle Barn
10:00 – 11:00 AM	4-H Dairy Feeder Steer & Prospect Weigh-In	Cattle Barn
10:00 - 11:00 AM	Pigeon Check-In	Poultry Barn
1:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Showmanship	Rabbit Barn
3:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Ambassador	Rabbit Barn
4:00 PM	Mini 4-H Mini Equine Show	Mini Equine Barn
4:30 PM	4-H Cow/Calf, Prospects, County Bred Steer (by breed), and Dairy Feeder Steer Shows	Livestock Show Arena
5:00 PM	Mini 4-H Rabbit Check-In (show at 6:00 PM)	Rabbit Barn
6:00 PM	4-H Sheep – Pen of 2 Sign-Up Due	Sheep Barn
7:00 AM	4-H Mini Equine Family Fun Night	Mini Equine Barn

Monday, July 13 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

6:00 – 9:00 AM	4-H Swine Arrival	Swine Barn
7:00 – 10:00 AM	4-H Swine Check-In & Weigh-In	Swine Barn

8:00 AM	4-H Sheep Show Mini 4-H Sheep Show to follow estimated to start at 2 PM	Livestock Show Arena
7:30-8:30	Chicken Flying Weigh-In	Poultry Barn
8:00 – 11:00 AM	4-H Dairy Cattle Check-In, <i>after 10 a.m. unload behind Poultry & Swine Barns</i>	Cattle Barn, Poultry & Swine Barn
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Small Animal Check-In	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	Small Animal Judging	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Halter & Showmanship	Horse & Pony Arena
10:00 AM – Noon	4-H Floriculture Judging	4-H Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM	4-H Chicken Flying Contest	Draft Horse Arena
10:30 AM	4-H Rabbit Ambassador Winners Announced	Rabbit Barn
11:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show Rabbit Fun Photo Contest, All meat classes and Doe & Litter, Rabbit Education Posters	Rabbit Barn
4:00 PM	4-H Miniature Equine Show – Driving, Obstacle, & Jumping	Livestock Show Arena

Tuesday, July 14 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Beef Steer and Dairy Steer Show	Livestock Show Arena
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry Science & Display Board Judging	Poultry Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry, Ducks, Geese & Turkey Judging	Poultry Barn
8:30 AM	Mini 4-H Little Peeps Poultry Showmanship	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
8:30 AM	4-H Poultry Showmanship	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show – 4-Class	Rabbit Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – English Classes	Horse & Pony Show Arena
Noon	4-H Pigeon Show	Poultry & Pigeon Barn
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Goat Show	Livestock Show Arena
7:00 PM	Goat Agility	Livestock Show Arena

Release of Beef Breeding animals after 4-H Beef Show

Wednesday, July 15 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Swine Show Mini 4-H Swine Show to follow estimated start at 3:00 PM	Livestock Show Arena
8:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Miniature Equine Show – Showmanship, Halter, Color, and Costume	Mini Equine Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Rabbit Show – 6-Class	Rabbit Barn
9:00 AM	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Western Classes & Freestyle Reining	Horse & Pony Show Arena
9:00 AM	4-H Rooster Crowing Contest Followed by Turkey Gobbling Contest	Poultry & Pigeon Building
1:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
6:00 PM	Mini 4-H Pedal Pull	Livestock Show Arena

Release of Non-Sale Beef, Dairy Beef, and Swine after the Swine Show until 11 PM, Mini Equine release by appointment only from 6 PM to 8 PM

Thursday, July 16 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM	4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
8:00 AM	4-H Dairy Show Mini 4-H Dairy Show to follow estimated to start at 2 PM	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM – Noon	4-H Horse & Pony Show – Reining, Speed & Action, & Versatility	Horse & Pony Show Arena
4:00 PM	4-H Rabbit Races (start time 5:00 PM)	Rabbit Barn

1:00 PM 4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM 4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
5:00 PM Supreme Champion Showman Contest	Horse & Livestock Arena
8:00 PM 4-H Livestock Auction Setup	Livestock Show Arena

Release of Non-Sale Beef and Dairy Beef, Dairy Cows, Sheep, and Swine after Concert Traffic Until

Friday, July 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

8:00 AM 4-H Draft Horse Classes	Draft Horse Arena
ALL DAY 4-H LIVESTOCK AUCTION Order of sale:	
9:00 AM Swine, Goat, Poultry, Duck, Geese, Turkey, Rabbit, Dairy, Sheep, Auction for Scholarship Fund, and Beef	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM 4-H Booster Club Pie Auction	Livestock Show Arena
9:00 AM 4-H Horse & Pony Show – Contesting	Horse & Pony Show Arena
12:00 PM Release of Auctioned Swine	Swine Barn
2:15 PM Release of Auctioned Poultry, Ducks, Geese, & Turkeys	Poultry Barn
3:15 PM Release of Auctioned Rabbit Meat Pens	Rabbit Barn
7:30 PM 4-H Battle of the Barns (1 hour after auction)	Livestock Show Arena

Release of 4-H Goats, 4-H Auction & Non-Sale Sheep from 7 PM to 9 PM

Saturday, July 18 | 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. 4-H Exhibit Hall Open

7:00 AM 4-H Sheep Barn Clean Up	Sheep Barn
8:00 – 10:00 AM 4-H Goat Release	Goat Barns
8:00 AM 4-H Horse & Pony Show – Contesting	Horse & Pony Show Arena
9:00 AM – Noon 4-H Rabbit and Rabbit Education Release	Rabbit Barn
10:00 AM – Noon Small Animals Release	4-H Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM – Noon 4-H Pigeon Release	Poultry Barn
10:00 AM 4-H Dairy Awards, Dairy Cattle will be released after awards	Cattle Barn
10:00 AM 4-H Draft Horse Awards	Draft Horse Arena
10:00 AM 4-H Swine Barn Clean Up	Swine Barn
12:00 PM 4-H Auctioned Beef Release	Cattle Barn
12:00 PM 4-H Miniature Equine & 4-H Draft Horse Release	Mini Equine & Draft Horse Barns
1:00 PM 4-H Non-Auction Beef Release	Cattle Barn
1:00 – 2:00 PM 4-H Poultry Release	Poultry Barn
Upon Conclusion of Show & 4-H Horse & Pony Release Awards	Horse & Pony Barns

Mon, July 20

1:00 – 7:00 PM Project Pick-up	4-H Exhibit Hall
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For release of animals, you need to check out with your 4-H Project Superintendent or designee. 4-H livestock shall not Building projects will be released during the specified time above. Unauthorized early removal of exhibits will result in **All projects will be repurposed or recycled 2 weeks after their release with the exception of State Fair Projects.**

Those with State Fair projects will be given a date once projects are picked up from State Fair.

*****Schedule is subject to change and changes will be marked in red*****