

# LAPORTE COUNTY

## 4-H Thursday Tidbit

LaPorte County 4-H

Quick links to helpful resources:



## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES



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### Things happening in August:

- August 2nd - 18th | Indiana State Fair
- August 2nd | Last day to pick up county projects
- August 5th | Operation Feed LaPorte Distribution Day
- August 21st | Livestock Superintendent Meeting
- August 21st | State Fair Projects can be picked up at the Extension Office

### Save the Dates:

- October 8th | Jamboree
- May 15th | Livestock ID Deadline
- June 9th - 12th | 4-H Camp Counselor Dates
- June 10th - 12th | 4-H Camp Campers
- June 13th | Fair Entry Deadline

Instead of having a note from the educator, we will list all the important dates and deadlines here so we can make sure everyone can see them!

## PROJECT PICK UP

If projects are not picked up by August 2nd they will either be recycled or disposed of. Please ensure you arrange to collect your projects on time. We really need our conference room back so please come get your stuff.

## Volunteer Development

We would love to hear from you about the types of volunteer development opportunities that you would be interested in attending this program year. Please take a moment to fill out this interest survey and let us know your thoughts!

[Volunteer Training Interest Form](#)

## JUNK BUCKET



Thank you to everyone that participated in the Junk Bucket Challenge! Faith Minich was our big winner!

## THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our volunteers that made this year's fair a great success. Thank you to Fair Board and FMEC for being supportive of the 4-H Program and the 4-Hers that worked hard to showcase their projects!



## STOCK THE TRAILER

Thank you to all those that participated in Stock the Trailer. Congratulations to the Goat Barn on your success!

## RULE CHANGE SUGGESTIONS

Something that you did not like when you were completing projects this year? Let us know and we can share any changes with the project superintendents. Please note that we can only make changes to county projects. State Project Guidelines are determined by the State Office. Rule changes can be [submitted here](#).

## 4-H COUNCIL

The 4-H Council will be holding their election in mid-August and are seeking approved volunteers to fulfill the seats that are up for election.

The 4-H Council provides a non-formal educational 4-H program for the youth of LaPorte County through the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service while also facilitating 4-H Youth Development program planning, assist in member recruitment, support volunteer staff development along with providing continued financial support & accountability.

Every year, 5 delegate and 1 trustee positions are needed on the Council. Trustees shall be tenured 4-H adult volunteers that have been with the LaPorte County 4-H program for 20 years or more. A delegate shall be volunteers with active status. Each of those positions serve a three (3) year term and are asked to attend 10 meetings a year, on the second Thursday of every month except July and December.

If you are interested in being a member of the Council, please confirm by visiting <https://forms.gle/SV1Sotn9KJ43ypyL6> by August 5th.

Please keep an eye out for an email pertaining to the online election that will be taking place August 12th-23rd. If you are not an approved volunteer you will be unable to vote.

# MINI 4-H CORNER

## PROJECT LIST

We have made a few changes to our project list to better match projects that the kids can do it 4-H! This year we will have: Aerospace, Animal Education, Arts & Crafts, Collections, Foods, Forestry, Gardening, Models (building toys, farm scenes & car models can go here), My Pet & Me, Photography, Sewing, Wearable Art, Wildlife.

We will have a few new guidelines so make sure to check out the Mini 4-H Handbook when it is released!



## MINI 4-H GRADUATION

Thank you to all those that were able to come celebrate with us. We had a great turnout and even greater mini 4-Hers! We are looking forward to hosting the 2nd graders again next year! So 2nd graders make sure you are on the lookout!

If you were signed up and did not make the graduation night please come get your graduation gift.

## SAVE THE DATES!

Mini Monday Dates will be as follows with topics covering: Crafts, Aerospace, STEM (Robotics), Animal Education, and Wildlife and/or Forestry!

January 27th

February 24th

March 24th

April 28th

May 19th



**In an effort to reach more kids we will have two sessions (5:30 & 6:30) with 24 spots in each session.**



# INDIANA STATE FAIR



**IND  
STATE  
FAIR  
2024**

The Art & Nature of Fun  
PRESENTED BY NEWFIELDS

**FAIR DATES**  
August 2 - 18, 2024

## 2024 LIVESTOCK SHOW SCHEDULE

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Schedule is subject to change.



**INDIANA  
STATE FAIR**

#### Beef Cattle / Dairy Beef

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Beef / Dairy Beef Cattle Showmanship - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SAT. AUGUST 3**  
4-H Heifers & 4-H Dairy Beef Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H Steers / Market Heifers & Heifer Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**WED. AUGUST 7**  
Open Cattle Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### Cats

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Cat Show - Purdue Extension Building

#### Dairy Cattle

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Dairy Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**TUES. AUGUST 13**  
Open Dairy Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### Dairy Goats

**FRI. AUGUST 16**  
4-H Dairy Goat Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
4-H Dairy Goat Wether Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
**SAT. AUGUST 17**  
4-H & Open Jr. Dairy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
**SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H & Open Sr. Dairy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### Dogs

**SAT. AUGUST 17 & SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H Dog Show - West Pavilion

#### Draft Horses

**THURS. AUGUST 8 - SUN. AUGUST 11**  
Percheron & Clydesdale Horse Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
& Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

**THURS. AUGUST 15 - SUN. AUGUST 18**  
Belgian & Haflinger Horse Show - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
& Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

#### Grand & Supreme Drives

**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H Grand Drive - Indiana Farmers Coliseum  
**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Supreme Drive - Indiana Farmers Coliseum

#### Horse & Pony

**WED. JULY 31 - WED. AUGUST 7**  
Various Shows - Indiana Farmers Coliseum & Pop Weaver Youth Pavilion

#### Llamas & Alpaca

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Llama & Alpaca Show - Expo Hall  
**SAT. AUGUST 3 & SUN. AUGUST 4**  
Open Llama Show - Expo Hall

#### Meat Goats

**SAT. AUGUST 3**  
Meat Goat Showmanship - Ball State University Champions Pavilion  
**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
Meat Goat Wether & Meat Goat Wether Dam Show -  
Ball State University Champions Pavilion

#### Meat Goats (cont.)

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Breeding Doe Show & Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Boer Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### Poultry

**FRI. AUGUST 16 - SUN. AUGUST 18**  
4-H & Open Poultry Show - Expo Hall

#### Pygmy Goats

**SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H & Open Pygmy Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### Myotonic Goats

**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
Open Myotonic Goat Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### Rabbits

**FRI. AUGUST 9 & SAT. AUGUST 10**  
4-H & Open Rabbit Judging - Expo Hall  
**SUN. AUGUST 11**  
4-H Rabbit Ambassador Program - Expo Hall

#### Sheep

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Market Lamb Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Class Wool Judging - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

**SAT. AUGUST 3**  
4-H Market Lamb Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### THURS. AUGUST 8

4-H Breeding Ewe Showmanship - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
4-H Fitting Contest - Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
Open Youth Halter / Lead Line - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### FRI. AUGUST 9

4-H Breeding Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### SAT. AUGUST 10

4-H Breeding Show - Commercial Ewes - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### TUES. AUGUST 13 - THURS. AUGUST 15

Open Sheep Show - Blue Ribbon Pavilion

#### Swine

**FRI. AUGUST 2**  
4-H Barrow Showmanship - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

**SAT. AUGUST 3 & SUN. AUGUST 4**  
4-H Barrow Show - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### FRI. AUGUST 9

4-H Gilt Showmanship - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### SAT. AUGUST 10 & SUN. AUGUST 11

4-H Gilt Show - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### FRI. AUGUST 16

Open Show (all breeds) - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

#### SAT. AUGUST 17

Open Sale (all breeds) - Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion

## YOUTH TALENT CONTEST

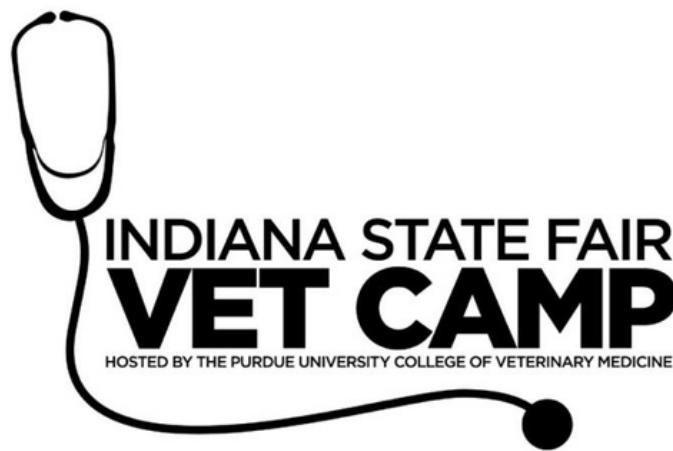


The Indiana State Fair Youth Talent Contest is open for all 4-H youth in two divisions:  
Jr. Division: 12 years or less of age  
Sr. Division: 13-21 years of age  
This year, the Talent Contest will be held in the Purdue Extension Building Banquet Hall.  
If you are interested in competing please email:  
[YouthTalent@indianastatefair.com](mailto:YouthTalent@indianastatefair.com)

For General Information about State Fair [click here](#). You do not have to qualify your animals for State Fair, your animals simply need to be in 4-H Online.

Indiana State Fair Entry Books are now live!  
For Livestock Visit: <https://bit.ly/41andm5>  
For Exhibit Hall Visit: <https://bit.ly/4HISFEH>

As 4-H members work to prepare exhibits to be displayed at their county fair, encourage them to consider entering an exhibit in the Indiana State Fair open class competition. The open class entry book with criteria can be found at this link. Please note this is separate from 4-H exhibits that qualify for advancement to state fair and is not associated with Indiana 4-H, but instead provides an additional opportunity for young people to display their skills and talents.



### **Indiana State Fair Senior Vet Camp**

We invite you to spend a day at the Indiana State Fair where you will have the opportunity to attend a camp run by current Veterinary Students at Purdue University. Indiana State Fair Vet camp will partner with Momma Town so campers can learn about physical exams and other diagnostic tests that would apply to the animals in Momma Town. Additionally, we will be doing a heart dissection and other hands-on activities to introduce you to the field of veterinary medicine. Cost is \$40 for the experience and a Vet Camp T-shirt. If that sounds interesting to you, sign up for one of the many available days throughout the 2024.

Indiana State Fair and we look forward to seeing you there!

August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 – 1:00pm-3:00pm

August 9, 16 – 5:00 pm-7:00pm

### **Indiana State Fair Junior Vet Camp**

Do you love animals and think you might want to work with them one day? We invite you to attend vet camp at the Indiana State Fair this summer. This year you will have the opportunity to do hands-on activities such as learning how to place IV catheters on models and how to read radiographs. Indiana State Fair Vet Camp will partner with Momma Town so campers can learn about physical exams for the animals in Momma Town. Cost is \$40 for the experience and a Vet Camp T-shirt. If this sounds interesting to you, sign up for one of the many available days throughout the 2024 Indiana State Fair and we look forward to seeing you there!

August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 – 10:00am-12:00pm

August 7, 14 – 5:00pm-7:00pm

Registration Link for 2024 Indiana State Fair Purdue Vet Camp → [CLICK HERE!](#)

**\*\*Purdue Vet Camp curriculum is the same each day it is offered, intended for participants to only attend one session.**

**\*\*Each participant will receive two admission tickets and a parking pass Email questions to [cglowacki@indianastatefair.com](mailto:cglowacki@indianastatefair.com)**



YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

# 23ND ANNUAL OUTSTANDING 4-H DAIRY PRODUCER CONTEST

\$1500  
Scholarship  
from ADAI

AUGUST 10, 2024—10 A.M.—STATE FAIR—CATTLE BARN

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMPETITION?

- Emphasize the educational aspects of raising and showing livestock
- Provide a learning lab, which will enhance knowledge of the dairy industry
- Develop critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Provide additional opportunities to recognize youth for their accomplishments

## WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THE COMPETITION?

The contest is a four phase competition consisting of the following events:

- Phase 1—Judging Contest, consisting of four classes to six classes. A combination of cows and heifers from the six dairy breeds will be used. Questions will be asked on at least two classes. (August 10—10 a.m. by milking parlor or location TBA)
- Phase 2—Showmanship, points will be assigned for participation. (August 10—11 a.m.). If you are not exhibiting dairy at the Indiana State Fair, we will assist you in locating an animal for showmanship. Animals are not required to be fitted.
- Phase 3—Skill-a-thon, 5 station contest (August 10—12 p.m.)
- Phase 4—Test, 40 question dairy management exam. Questions could be on dairy nutrition, health, reproduction, milk marketing and other dairy related information. (August 10- 12 p.m.)

Each of the four phases will be weighted equally for scoring.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The competition is open to Indiana 4-H members in the 8th grade and above (January 1, 2024), who are enrolled in the 4-H dairy project. You do not have to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair to compete in the contest. Pre-registration is not required. However, registrations will only be accepted on August 10 until 10 a.m.

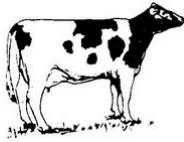
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- Contest results will be announced at the completion of the all the scoring
- Recognition will be given to the top individuals in each phase as well as the overall winner. Over \$700 in cash prizes to be awarded, sponsored by American Dairy Association of Indiana.
- A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to the 1st place 4-Her. The scholarship may be won only once—sponsored by American Dairy Association of Indiana.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you are interested in participating in the contest, please report to the 4-H Cattle Barn Office by 10 a.m., August 10th for registration. Please contact Sara Haag for more information, shaag@purdue.edu or 812-462-3371.

# 26th Annual 4-H Dairy Skillathon



Saturday, August 10, 2024  
Indiana State Fair Cattle Barn  
11:00 a.m. – Until All are Finished



## What are the Objectives of a Skillathon?

1. Provide a learning laboratory which will enhance knowledge of the dairy industry.
2. Gain self-confidence and skills in one-on-one communication.
3. Develop responsibility for completing a project.
4. Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
5. Provide additional opportunities to recognize youth for their accomplishments.

## The 5 stations for the skillathon may be chosen from the following 20 topics:

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Identifying the parts of the cow   | 11. Reading pedigree records      |
| 2. Identifying breeds of dairy cattle | 12. Reading DHIA records          |
| 3. Identifying feed ingredients.      | 13. Parts of the PDCA scorecard   |
| 4. Detecting heat in cattle.          | 14. Parts of the mammary system   |
| 5. Treating calves for scours         | 15. Showing a dairy heifer/cow    |
| 6. Administering medication to cattle | 16. Dehorning a calf              |
| 7. Removing extra teats from calves   | 17. Causes of mastitis            |
| 8. Identifying AI equipment           | 18. Calfhood vaccination          |
| 9. Care of a newborn calf             | 19. Body condition scoring        |
| 10. Care of a freshening cow          | 20. The dairy industry in Indiana |

## Divisions (based on January 1, 2024):

Junior - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade

- ❖ **Anyone enrolled in the 4-H dairy project may compete regardless of whether or not you are exhibiting at the State Fair!!!!**
- ❖ Pre-registration is not required. However, registrations will only be accepted on August 10 until the start of the contest.
- ❖ Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 placers (\$50, \$25, \$15, \$10, 5-10<sup>th</sup> place - \$5) in each division. Winners will be announced following the completion of the skillathon during the exhibitors meeting. Monetary awards are sponsored by American Dairy Association of Indiana.
- ❖ Each participant receives a coupon for a free milkshake courtesy of American Dairy Association of Indiana.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

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