

## **4-H TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 4-HERS**

The younger 4-H members (grades 3-6) are eligible for all local and county events and county phases of area, state and national programs. The older 4-H members (grades 7-12) are entitled to participate in state and out-of-state activities and for the state awards in national contests. A brief listing of the activities available follows. These activities generally require that the 4-H member apply or register to participate. Some of the workshops are limited as to the number that may apply. A listing of the workshops and trips can be found on the county website or 4-H Online.

Each year 4-H Inc. conducts a Fund Drive to help offset the cost of the trips and activities offered by the state and county 4-H Programs. The Fund Drive usually starts in December and lasts through the beginning of February. 4-H Inc. and 4-H members of Montgomery County greatly appreciate the donations received.

### **4-H Academy @ Purdue**

This is a 3-day workshop conducted in June at Purdue. Delegates will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis until the specific specie and/or workshop limit is reached. Indiana 4-H members who are in grades 9-12 of the current year are eligible for the workshop. A delegate may attend more than once, as long as they register for a different species group each time.

The objectives for 4-H Academy @ Purdue are as follows:

- To develop life skills through interaction with others.
- To teach the scientific principles of Animal Sciences to young people.
- To prepare delegates to assist and/or teach others in their local communities what they learned from Purdue faculty and staff.
- To increase awareness of Animal Industry issues.
- To inform participants about careers in animal agriculture and educational opportunities at Purdue University.

### **Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse**

This one-day event is held in February at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Indiana 4-H members who are in grades 7-12 of the current year are eligible for this trip. Youth will learn about their state government through a day full of civic engagement and leadership. Participants will tour the statehouse, meet representatives, and have the opportunity to serve as student pages. Registration will be done through 4-H Online.

## **4-H Camp**

The 4-H camp is for members who are in grade 3-6. The camp is held in June. The individual pays for their own expenses for the 3-day camp, including a fee that will be determined yearly per 4-Her. The following activities are usually part of the program:

- Boating
- Campfires
- Recreation
- Swimming
- Nature Studies
- Vesper programs
- Craft trainings such as:
  - Leather
  - Plaster
  - Painting

## **4-H/FFA Judging Contest**

General: Contests are available at the Area, State and National levels.

- Purdue puts out a book called the “4-H/FFA AG JUDGING HANDBOOK” or 4-H 98, which describes all contests. This book is also the Official Rule Book for Area IX and State Contests.
- For more information, contact the County Extension Office

## **National 4-H Conference Trip**

- 4-H members in grades 10 and above are eligible to apply; 1-3 selected annually.
- To help selected youth and adults develop to their maximum potential by providing opportunities to participate actively in 4-H program development outside their states and at national levels.
- To assist states in the further development of a system for involving youth, volunteers, and professional staff in 4-H program planning in their states.
- To provide an opportunity for Conference delegates to update elected and appointed government officials, national associations, donor groups, etc. on current developments in 4-H programs at national, state and local levels.
- To provide an opportunity for inputs of youth, volunteers, and professional staff into National 4-H Program Development Committee deliberations.
- To provide a system for an exchange of 4-H programming ideas among states at a national gathering of delegates from each state.

## **National 4-H Congress Trip**

- For 4-Hers Grade 10 (at time of due date) through final year of 4-H eligibility.
- Must be a current 4-H member and in at least the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of membership at the time of applying.
- Winners will be notified.

## **National 4-H Dairy Conference**

This program is in Madison, WI. Selection is made on the basis of Dairy Achievement Records. Participants should be in grades 10-12. All expenses are paid. Applicants must write a brief story about their dairy operation and management practices. Be sure to include a completed copy of "My Record of Achievement." Objectives:

- To increase understanding of the dairy industry.
- To learn about additional vocational and professional opportunities in the dairy industry.
- To practice good citizenship, group participation, and leadership responsibilities.
- To develop additional individual initiative and competence in areas of special interest and aptitude in the dairy field and related areas.

## **Indiana 4-H Ambassador**

The Indiana 4-H Ambassador program was created to empower teen 4-H leaders with the knowledge, skills, and aspirations necessary to be effective advocates for Indiana 4-H Youth Development. 4-H Ambassadors' current leadership abilities will be strengthened and expanded so that they may serve as positive role models for younger youth; build meaningful partnerships with other 4-H teens, adults, and professionals, as well as community partners and sponsors; and promote the 4-H mission in Indiana.

The vision of the Indiana 4-H Ambassador program is that every Indiana teen 4-H member will have the personal initiative, program resources, and leadership opportunities to be a positive role model and vocal advocate for the 4-H program in our state.

### **Details**

- Must be an active 4-H member, currently in grades 9-11.
- Serve a two-year term
- Promote and represent 4-H to potential members, families, the public, and community partners through outreach, marketing, and public relations.
- Support and organize 4-H events at the county or state level, including planning, coordination, and promotional activities.
- Build leadership and civic engagement skills by facilitating discussions, teaching others, collaborating with teams, and applying civic concepts in activities.

## **4-H Round-Up**

This is a 3-day conference held annually in June on the Purdue University Campus. It is for 4-Hers who have completed grades 7- 9.

It is three days of educational experiences where delegates can:

- Experience in-depth “action learning”
- Develop leadership abilities
- Learn about college life

About 1200 4-H members from throughout Indiana attend this conference where they stay in student dormitories and attend the program sessions and events.

**4-H Inc. may pay a portion of the Round-Up fees.**