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To stay tuned with Extension and upcoming 4-H events you should use the following media resources:

1. Read the monthly Ohio County Extension newsletter
2. Call your 4-H club leader.
3. Call the Extension Office with any questions.
4. Visit our county website at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/Ohio>
5. Visit the Purdue Extension- Ohio County Facebook Page.

The Extension Office, 4-H leaders, and volunteers make every effort to keep 4-H members and parents current on dates, events and programs. However, the Ultimate Responsibility for Deadlines and Project Commitment is with the 4-H Member with the Support of the Parent or Guardian.

Introduction

WELCOME! You are part of an exciting and educational oriented youth organization. 4-H is open to all youth regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, place of residence, or physical handicap for all youth grades 3 to 12 during the current calendar year. 4-H is directed through the Ohio County Cooperative Extension Service and Purdue University. Please read the **INDIANA 4-H PROGRAM Philosophy on page 3.**

This county 4-H handbook will give you important information on 4-H projects, programs and county requirements for the program. County, Area and State level activities are included for your information. It is important that parents and 4-H members read this handbook. It will give rules and regulations about the Ohio County and State 4-H projects. Remember, this book should be available as a resource at all times and hope that this should assist you with the success of your membership in the Ohio County 4-H program.

4-H MOTTO: "To Make the Best Better"

4-H Colors: "Green and White"

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:

My **HEAD** to clear thinking,
My **HEART** to greater loyalty,
My **HANDS** to larger service, and
My **HEALTH** to better living
for my **CLUB**, my **COMMUNITY**,
my **COUNTRY**, and my **WORLD**.

Each 4-H club meeting/event should begin with the Pledge to the United States Flag followed by the 4-H pledge led in unison.

4-H EMBLEM

A four-leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf meaning the development of HEAD, HEART, HANDS, and HEALTH is the official 4-H Club emblem.



Preface

The **Purdue Cooperative Extension Service- Ohio County** is responsible to all of the citizens of Ohio County and is part of the Purdue University education system which is responsible to all citizens of Indiana and the USDA. The mission of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service is...

"The education of the Indiana citizens through application of the land-grant university research and knowledge base for the benefit of agriculture, youth, families, and communities."

Financial support for Extension is provided by federal, state and county funding with the Extension Educator being supported and salaried by Purdue University.

4-H Mission: The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

4-H Vision: Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community-based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

Ohio County 4-H Fair Board is composed of 15 elected members (5 re-elected annually for 3 year terms), 2 appointed 4-H Junior Leaders and 8 appointed members from other Ohio County Community organizations. Elected members (20 years old or older) are elected at the Annual Fair board Meeting held after the fair (August) each year. The duties are to organize and promote 4-H activities, project exhibition, youth leadership development opportunities and provide educational opportunities at an Annual Fair in Ohio County. Also, to provide and keep up the 4-H fairground exhibit facilities that promote the display of 4-H exhibits, provide wholesome and fun entertainment for Ohio County 4-Hers and residents, and to provide and earn funds for the betterment of the 4-H program and fair in Ohio County.

Attention to anyone coming before the Fair Board. You must call the Extension Office to be put on the Fair Board agenda. We will say the pledges and introduce everyone present. Guests will be scheduled next so you will not have to sit through the whole meeting. You must have your topic in writing, with your name and phone number on it, so we can reach you to give you our decisions. Once at the meeting, you have 15 minutes to present your topic. Then we will ask questions if needed. You may leave if you wish to when you are finished. We will then discuss your topic and you will then be notified, by phone, of our decision. We have many issues to discuss making our meetings quite lengthy. We hope this explanation of presentation to the board will help speed up the process.

Ohio County 4-H Youth Board also referred to as: Youth Advisory Board (YAB) consists of 9 members. The nine 9 members serve three year terms but may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. This board meets the first Monday of the month. The duties of the board are to promote 4-H, serve as the 4-H governing body, and promote other Extension youth activities in Ohio County.

Attention to anyone coming before the YAB: You must call the Extension Office **the Monday prior to the meeting by 4PM** to be put on the YAB agenda. We will say the pledges and introduce everyone present. Guests will be scheduled next so you will not have to sit through the whole meeting. You must have your topic in writing, with your name and phone number on it, so we can reach you to give you our decisions. Once at the meeting, you have **10** minutes to present your topic. Then we will ask questions if needed **for 5 minutes**. You may leave if you wish to when you are finished. We will then discuss your topic and you will then be notified, by phone, of our decision. We have many issues to discuss making our meetings quite lengthy. We hope this explanation of presentation to the board will help speed up the process.

Grants: Thanks to the generosity of local entities, there are several grant opportunities that 4-H Clubs can apply for. **Before applying for ANY type of grant funding, the club leader will notify the Extension Educator for review of the funding opportunity and program idea with County Extension Director and District Director. 4-H units are discouraged from using Online fund raising sites due to the inability to authorize their use of the 4-H Name and Emblem and because these types of sites are often targets of fraudulent activity. Further, we are unable to guarantee that 4-H families' personal information will be protected when their information is shared with third parties.**

The Indiana 4-H Program Philosophy

The Indiana 4-H program serves the youth of Indiana by providing a strong educational youth development program. This program delivers educational experiences in a variety of settings. Caring, capable, and contributing adults assist in the 4-H program as models for young people. We treasure the rich heritage of 4-H and want to ensure that 4-H is available to future generations of Indiana youth.

This document sets out certain standards and guidelines to be used to assure that 4-H is good for our youth. County 4-H policy is guided by the county 4-H policy-making or governing board as provided by the County Extension Board. Legal authority for the 4-H program rests with the Director of Cooperative Extension, Purdue University. No county 4-H policy may conflict with state 4-H policy or federal requirements.

It is the policy of 4-H to include as many youth as possible. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from membership. Youth should participate in 4-H youth development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement.

Residence: Indiana youth typically enroll in 4-H in the county or state in which they reside. However, individuals living in one county may join 4-H in another county. There may be educational or social reasons for an individual joining 4-H in a different county than that of their primary residence. During a single calendar year, a 4-H member enrolled in a given project is expected to enroll and exhibit that project only in one county of enrollment.

In the event that a project is not offered in the county of primary 4-H enrollment, a 4-H member may enroll in that specific project in a different county. Approval of this special exception rests with the county 4-H policy-making or governing board (i.e. 4-H council) and/or the Extension Board of the receiving county. Participation in 4-H related activities and event (i.e., judging; share-the-fun) must be in the county of primary 4-H enrollment.

The above policy is not intended to provide an escape mechanism for troubled 4-H members and families who are unwilling to follow the terms and/or conditions in their current county of 4-H membership. Decisions regarding 4-H membership in a non-resident county (a county you do not live in), rests with the County 4-H Council and/or the Extension Board in the receiving county.

Note: In a statement from our federal partner in Washington, DC, the following statement appears: *"Anytime there are procedures for exclusion of individuals from events which use the 4-H name there are potential challenges to enforcement of the exclusions. The challenges have a substantial potential to prevail and they frequently result in negative publicity for the organization. Therefore, before choosing a policy of exclusion it is wise to evaluate the exclusion being considered, to be sure there is an overwhelming educationally based need for the exclusion".*

Ohio County 4-H Program

Membership: Youth may become 4-H members when they enter the third grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. A member may continue membership for a maximum of ten (10) years.

An individual's 4-H grade is determined by the school grade in which he or she is classified regardless of the time of year he or she enrolls in 4-H. A member does not advance in 4-H grade until he or she enrolls in 4-H for the subsequent school year. Each member should enroll in the

division of a project that would best suit his/her interest and potential for personal growth and would enhance their family involvement. The 4-H club year usually extends from one annual 4-H exhibit to the next.

Opportunities in the 4-H program are available to all Indiana youth as defined regardless of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. Married young men and women of 4-H age may participate in any of the 4-H projects and activities. Membership in 4-H is gained by annually enrolling through a Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Office located in each of Indiana's 92 counties.

NOTE: Enrollment must be reinstated annually by completing an appropriate county 4-H enrollment form by March 1st of each year for all Ohio County members.

General Terms and Conditions Revised 01/08

Deadlines: The proper compliance with established, stated and published final dates and deadlines is considered an appropriate expectation of 4-H membership. Submitting things on time and following the rules is part of the 4-H learning experience and is considered a reasonable thing to do. Individuals not complying with these expectations may lose awards and privileges. This is especially true in animal projects where animal ownership, raising and identification have a specific time period as part of the project requirements. Members not complying with established and published dates and deadlines for exhibition may be denied exhibition privileges as well as premiums or awards for that project.

Participation: Attendance and participation at 4-H meetings is highly encouraged as a part of the overall educational experience. However, attendance or participation at club meetings cannot be required as criteria for project completion. 4-H meetings should be of the quality that 4-H members should want to attend, participate and learn something beneficial. Also, rewarding 4-H clubs, 4-H members and 4-H volunteers for attendance and participation in meetings, tours, workshops, local and county exhibits, etc. are encouraged. The rewards for participation in 4-H meetings, tours, and activities should be significant enough to cause the 4-H member to see the advantage of reacting positively. 4-H volunteers and members of local clubs may establish goals for attendance, exhibits, completion, etc. to meet the criteria established for awards and recognition as long as they do not conflict with stated county, area/or state policies.

Exhibition: Exhibition of 4-H projects in local, county, or state exhibits/fairs is voluntary on the part of the exhibitor. The exhibition of 4-H projects provides 4-H members an opportunity to display their 4-H projects, enter into competition and participate in an educational/social environment with peers. With exhibition also comes the responsibility for abiding by all the terms and conditions pertaining to the respective 4-H project.

Completion: The completion of a 4-H project must not be misinterpreted as exhibition of said project at a local, county, or state fair. 4-H members are considered complete in their project work for that year when they have (1) completed an "official" 4-H member enrollment form prior to the established and published date for enrolling; (2) turned in a completed 4-H project record sheet prior to the established and published date; and (3) had an officially recognized 4-H leader/extension educator verify the existence of the completed project or activity. Though exhibiting in local, county, and state exhibits/fairs is not required for project completion, as it does not necessarily relate directly to content and skills learned in the development of the 4-H project, project exhibition is encouraged as a continuation of the educational experience

2026 Ohio County 4-H Clubs

Jazzy Jesters	Mary Zeiser
	Kathy Steele
	Ashley Castle
Junior Leaders	Jill Yauch
Classy Clovers	Sonja Southard
	Sami Corbin
4-H Lumberjacks	Katie Schulz
Ohio County Trailblazers	Jenny Ohlmansiek
Ohio County River Rascals 4-H Club	
	Kasie Short
Mini 4-H	Abbey Berkley

2026 Activity Leaders

Archery	Michael Givan
Muzzleloader	Vacancy
Pistol	Michael Givan
Rifle	Anthony Courter
	Andy Emmerich
	Michael Givan
Shotgun	Michael Givan
Tractor	Rick Jackson

2025-26 Ohio County Fair Board

Rick Jackson	President
Jason Riddell	V. President
Lisa Brawner	Treasurer
Ashley Castle	Secretary
Chris Berkley	Member
Michael Kirkpatrick	Member
John Unger	Member
Michael Givan	Member
Jason Walcott	Member
Jared Ohlmansiek	Member
Matt Markland	Member
Wes Walston	Member
Cody Holtegel	Member
Josh Gilb	Member
Tim Rieman	Member

2025-26 Ohio County Youth Advisory Board

Makki Walton	President
Dawn Walcott	Vice-President
Jenny Ohlmansiek	Treasurer
Lindsey Burnett	Secretary
Samantha Corbin	Member
Amy Walston	Member
Mary Cumberworth	Member
Krystle Kaiser	Member
Sonja Southard	Member

2025-2026 Committee Chairman

Exhibit Hall	Ashley Castle
Fairgrounds	Jason Riddell
Sponsorship	Lisa Brawner
Sound System	Rick Jackson
Booths	Chris Berkley
Gate Crew	Jenny Ohlmansiek
Special Events	Michael Kirkpatrick
Frog Jumping	Matt Markland
Thank You's	Lisa Brawner
Livestock	Rick Jackson
Auction	Jason Riddell
Beef & Dairy	Jason Riddell
Swine	Jared Ohlmansiek
Goat	Jason Walcott
Sheep	Matt Markland
Rabbit	Ashley Castle
Poultry	Sonja Southard
Horse	Sami Corbin

Indiana 4-H Behavioral Criteria for all Youth Participants

Indiana 4-H has a set of behavioral criteria that we expect our participants to follow as outlined below. Youth and their parents/guardians review and agree to these expectations at the time of 4-H enrollment in 4-H Online.

When attending, participating in, or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, all persons are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H program to persons and the 4-H program.

A participant in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program will:

- Respect, follow, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, including all laws related to child abuse and substance abuse.
- Conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and demonstrate reasonable conflict management skills. I will avoid any action that would obstruct or disrupt any 4-H activity, or that threatens or interferes with maintenance of appropriate order and discipline, and will also discourage others from any of those actions.
- Be truthful and forthright when representing the 4-H Youth Development Program. At no time, will I cheat or knowingly furnish false information.
- Present accurate, unaltered 4-H records.
- Follow the specific terms and conditions of a given project, contest, or activity. I will also encourage others to follow these terms and conditions.
- Under no circumstances possess, distribute, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products, electronic smoking devices (including, but not limited to, e-cigs, vapes, juuls), illegal drugs, or other dangerous substances at 4-H Youth Development Program events or activities.
- Under no circumstances distribute, misuse, or abuse over-the-counter, homeopathic (including supplements and vitamins), or prescription medications.
- Under no circumstances possess or use weapons, fire crackers, chemicals, or other materials that can be used to create an explosive mixture. Note: firearms and archery equipment utilized under the direct supervision of an approved and certified 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor at an approved 4-H Shooting Sports activity are acceptable.
- Recognize that verbal, physical, or emotional abuse, or any conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person will not be tolerated. Avoid any reckless or inappropriate behavior.
- Respect physical property of others. Theft of, or malicious damage to, property is not tolerated, nor is any unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of any facility.
- Understand that failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts are not acceptable practices in 4-H Youth Development Programs.
- Embrace diversity among all youth and adult participants, helping each person to feel welcome and included in the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Accept my responsibility to represent 4-H Youth Development Programs with dignity and pride by being a positive role model for others.
- Avoid inappropriate interactions with, and inappropriate displays of affection toward, other persons. I will not have unapproved guests in sleeping quarters at overnight 4-H events, nor will I engage in sexual behavior.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for the event or activity.
- Avoid using any lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or language.
- Accept supervision and support from Extension staff or designated volunteers.
- Be mindful of and follow Purdue, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other state and local health authority safety guidelines and procedures related to any epidemic or pandemic illness.
- Participate in appropriate orientation and training, including youth protection standards, sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.
- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner.
- Not misuse fire equipment or sound a false fire alarm.
- Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants appropriate animal

care and management.

- Use technology in an appropriate manner that reflects the best practices in youth development. During virtual 4-H activities, I will follow acceptable University practices being mindful of the virtual learning environment.
- Accept my responsibility to promote and support the 4-H Youth Development Program in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program

***When violations occur at county, area, state or national 4-H events, the following procedure will be followed:**

1. The parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange transportation home for the violator/s and;
2. The Extension Educator will be notified and;
3. The Youth Advisory Board will be notified.

Penalties:

If, in the opinion of the Ohio County 4-H Youth Advisory Board, State 4-H Leader or designee, evidence of alteration and/or excessive outside help and/or unethical preparations or misconduct is noted, the exhibit and/or 4-Her may be disqualified from the show and/or awards forfeited and/or participant that project and/or related 4-H projects and/or events and/or activity. Further, enforcement may be selection which does not waive the Ohio County 4-H Youth Advisory Board or State 4-H Leader's right to enforce collectively at a further date and appropriate circumstances.

Special Notice: When infractions in regulations and/or policies take place in the livestock project, special penalties will be enacted. The animal sale price provided the 4-Her will be that of the day's local market value with anything above said market value retained by the 4-H organization as a penalty for the action.

Project Preparation: It is the responsibility of the 4-Her to do his/her own project work, assembly, grooming, fitting and preparation of project, records & completion sheets. Adult supervision and direction is encouraged if the result is a positive learning experience for 4-Her who should be **learning by doing**. The value of 4-H are the lessons and experiences learned not the number of ribbons and trophies collected.

Liabilities: All precautions possible will be taken by the Fair Board and Youth Advisory Board to prevent accidents to any person and/or property, and to prevent destruction or abuse of any property; but the Boards will not be held responsible for any accident or destruction that may occur to any person and/or property.

OHIO COUNTY 4-H PARENT/GUARDIAN EXPECTATIONS

The success of your child's 4-H achievement and the kind of experience he/she have depend greatly upon your support and involvement. The 4-H experience is a leadership program for youth which builds self-esteem, confidence and knowledge. Take the time to learn about 4-H and share these developing years with your child.

The most successful 4-H members have the interest and support of their parents. Often parents are willing to help but are not sure how, when or where they may get involved. If you fit into one of these categories read the following suggestions.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE 4-H PARENT/GUARDIAN

1. Learn a little about 4-H, what it stands for and how it operates.
2. Advise your child in selecting a 4-H project.
3. Show your interest and enthusiasm for the projects selected. Find out what is suggested for the members to do and learn.
4. Help guide your child, but don't do the job for them.
5. See that when a project is started, it is also completed.
6. Encourage your 4-Her when they succeed and even more when they fail. Help them see progress, not just the end result.
7. Be an example! Help your 4-Her be a good sport and appreciate the successes of others.
8. Keep informed about 4-H through information that comes to members of your family.

9. Make 4-H club work FAMILY work. But let the boys and girls do their work and carry their own jobs to completion. Be a guide only.
10. Provide transportation to local meetings and county events in which your child and others of the club are interested or provide refreshments for meetings or special functions. Don't be asked, just volunteer to help.
11. Attend 4-H meetings and other special events.
12. Help your 4-Header find a way to participate in special events that interest them such as county contests, 4-H camp, fairs, displays, Share-the-Fun, or shows.
13. Support your local 4-H leaders. Get acquainted with them. Let them know you appreciate their efforts; do not treat them as an unpaid sitter. Pick up your child promptly after meetings, volunteer to assist with activities and ask questions.
14. Offer your services to assist the leader. You have knowledge and skills that are needed in 4-H.
15. If the need arises, help find local leaders for your 4-H club. Several kinds of leaders are needed: organizational, project, and activity leaders. Consider helping in one of these ways yourself.
16. Remember that the real objective of 4-H is to develop your sons/daughters into finer citizens. The way they do their work, projects, meetings, and their conduct at competitive events/activities will help set work and character standards for the remainder of their lives.

PARENTS 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to give my child the information I can, to help he/she to see things clearly and to make wise decisions.

I pledge my **HEART** to encourage and support my child no matter whether he/she has successes or disappointments.

I pledge my **HANDS** to help my child's club; if I cannot be a leader I can help in many equally important ways.

I pledge my **HEALTH** to keep my child's strong and well for a better world through 4-H, for my child's club, our community, our country, and our world.

"Ten Commandments" For 4-H Parents

The following "Ten Commandments" can guide parents when it comes to teaching their youngsters about raising and showing animals.

1. Thou shalt not feed, train and care for the animal, for thou art trying to teach the child responsibility.
2. Thou shalt forgive a child for making mistakes in the show ring, for thou hath made mistakes too.
3. Thou shalt not get mad when thy child forgets items in the show box.
4. Thou shalt help the show management, for they are doing a job that thou would not want to do.
5. Thou shalt see that thy child is on time for all show activities, for thou would not want to wait on another.
6. Thou shalt be sure that thy child has the animals entered and the registration papers in order by the designated time.
7. Thou shalt teach the child that winning a blue ribbon is a desirable goal, but making friends along the way is a more worthy goal.
8. Thou shalt not complain about the judge, for it is his opinion that has been sought.
9. Thou shalt remember that livestock projects are teaching projects, not necessarily money-making projects.
10. Thou shalt remember that the livestock project is a family project that shall be enjoyed and supported by the entire family.

Clyde D. Lane Jr.
Extension specialist & professor of animal sciences
University of Tennessee

GENERAL 4-H GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

4-H Enrollment Begins on October 1. **Deadline: January 15.**

Membership is open to any youth in grades 3-12. Project enrollment is done by grade in school of the current year.

- **May 15th is the deadline to drop or add projects.**
- **May 15th is the deadline to change clubs.**
- A \$20.00 Program fee is charged **must** be paid at the time of enrollment.
- Additional fees are charged for some manuals, optional reference materials and some projects supplies.
- **All fees must be paid at time of enrollment to participate in activities.**
- **There will be NO SHOOTING SPORTS FEE for any discipline.**

Policy Regarding Overnight Stay at Fairgrounds: (4-H Volunteer Liability Insurance Coverage)

Effective January 1, 1998, there will be no liability coverage provided to 4-H volunteers and staff during overnight stays at fairs unless each 4-H/Youth participant is accompanied by his/her parent or legal guardian at all times. The time normally associated with overnight is that time when the fair shuts down for the evening or by midnight and until early morning feeding of animals (early morning is normally construed as morning light in our summer season). Adults/volunteers officially assigned to watch 4-H projects overnight at county/state fairs are still covered by Purdue University liability insurance. However, this is not to be confused with aforementioned policy regarding 4-H youth. County Youth Advisory Board and Fair Board Members not abiding by this policy do so at their own risk and should seek their own liability insurance. The safety and well-being of 4-H youth is our primary concern. The mission of 4-H is education. Overnight stays at fairgrounds do nothing to further that mission.

Green Record Folders are available at the Extension Office for (\$1.00 each). First Year 4-H members receive a free Green Record Folder.

Every 4-H member will be required to complete a Record of 4-H achievement, annually, to include all activities, events, projects, etc and placed in Green Record Books that Club Leaders or Educators will review. Record sheets will no longer be required.

Record sheets are still available at the Extension Office or Online. **The green record folders with completed up to date Record of Achievement sheets must be brought to judging on the day Exhibit Hall project are entered.**

JUDGING OF PROJECTS

Judging of ALL projects will be open judged. Judging will take place while you wait so you can better understand the placing and thinking of the judge.

- **ALL inside exhibitors MUST provide their Green Book and record sheets at Project Check In. Lack of Green Book/record sheet will result in automatic deduction in placing, thus making the project ineligible for Indiana State Fair.**

The advantage of Open Judging is to better educate the 4-H member; parents must let the judges do their job.

- Only 4-H members are allowed in judging areas: **PARENTS ARE TO REMAIN OUTSIDE.**
- Parents will not communicate with Judge until after the show is complete.
- **JUNIOR LEADERS AND YOUTH will be permitted in the Exhibit Hall at 9am for project check in and judging. Junior Leaders, once they have completed turning their projects in, are to help other 4-H members. NO YOUTH WILL BE IN THE EXHIBIT HALL PRIOR TO 9AM!**

If you cannot bring exhibits to the fair on Project Check In day please make arrangements **PRIOR** to Project Check-In day with your club leader or the Extension Office. **Green Book and record sheet must be with project.**

- Exhibits not meeting project requirements will automatically be taken down one placing.
- Only blue-ribbon exhibits will be considered for Championships and the possibility to advance to the Indiana State Fair- at judge's discretion.

NO EXHIBITS will be allowed after 12:00 NOON!

Exhibit Hall Projects

- Division winners and Reserves will receive an orange Honor Award.
- All Levels/Division winners compete for Grand Champion & Reserve Champion of the project
Grand Champion – Trophy + Purple Rosette
Reserve Champion – Trophy + Lavender Rosette
- Those selected for State Fair will be awarded a “Selected for State Fair” rosette at judge’s discretion and the meeting of State Fair project guidelines.

Livestock Projects

Non-approved trophies may not be presented in the show ring, unless permission is given from the YAB. The YAB Awards and Trophy/Awards Committee coordinate sponsorship each year.

Champions - Purple Rosette

Reserve Champion – Lavender Rosette

Grand Champion – Trophy + Purple Rosette

Reserve Grand Champion – Trophy + Lavender Rosette

The Judge's decision is final for all exhibits that meet the project requirements.

Ohio County 4-H Fair Ribbons, Special Awards, and Trophies

All 4-H projects are judged using the Danish System (Blue, Red, and White ribbon).

Release of Projects: All projects will remain in the Exhibit Hall until the published project release time, which is determined by the Ohio County Fair Board, unless you have received prior approval from the YAB. The livestock committee may release livestock in milk or animals due to safety or health reasons early at their discretion. All other livestock will be released at a designated time.

4-H Leaders and Members Awards and Recognition

An Annual Achievement Banquet is held after the fair each year to recognize 4-H accomplishments. Awards may not be presented if there is not a sponsor.

Completion Pins: These are basic awards given at the Exhibit Hall check-in to the member on completion of a year's work. Each member starts with year one and receives an additional pin each year with the corresponding year of completion engraved on it.

Special Awards and Recognition: For Members and Leaders

- ✓ **Electric Awards:** The State 4-H Electric Committee furnishes twelve awards per county for 4-H Electric project members each year. Financing of these awards is done jointly by the REMC and the public utilities. Selections made by fair judge.

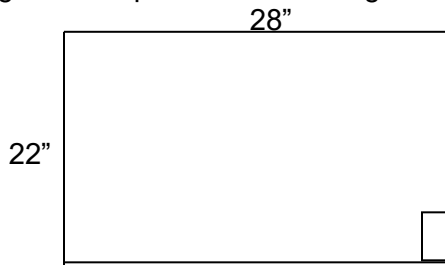
Miscellaneous Awards and Honors

- ✓ **Performing Arts:** will receive a participation ribbon.
- ✓ **Tenure Award:** To give public recognition to two 4-H members from each county in terms of having the best record of tenure in 4-H membership and thereby encouraging other Indiana 4-H members to continue in the program for a longer period of time. The award is calculated by adding the number of year's 4-H membership to the number of completed projects. The winner is recognized by its sponsor, Indiana Farm Bureau - Women's Dept., at the District Farm Bureau meeting in July. Nominations are due May 15.

Exhibit Options

All 4-H posters should be made HORIZONTALLY on 22"x 28" poster board (unless otherwise specified in project manual). Poster board may be of any color (unless otherwise specified in project manual). All poster exhibits must be labeled with an official Ohio County entry tag. These are available at the Extension Office.

1. Entry tag must be placed on lower right hand side of poster.



← Entry tag placed on lower right inside of plastic.

2. All posters must be on a stiff backing ($\frac{1}{4}$ " is required). Some that work well are: foam core board, very stiff card board, and wood paneling.
3. All posters must be covered with clear plastic. You may buy the plastic sleeve at the Extension Office or at a discount store, hardware store, or lumber yard.
4. **All posters, notebooks, and display boards MUST include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.**

Binder Notebook:

1. Identification label on front of binder giving name of 4-H'er, club, grade, and year in project.
2. Title page inside binder naming activity (levels C & D).
3. Pages of activity and explanation to follow title page.
4. Photographs are helpful to show the activity being used or assembled.
5. Optional: Plastic sheet protectors, page decorations, binder cover decoration.

Display:

1. May be table top or floor style, not to exceed 36 x 36 x36 (display may include Item(s) made in the activities you completed this year.)
2. Must be self-supporting to view by the public.

Action Demonstration:

An action demonstration is a fun way to share what you have learned with others. The key is getting your audience involved in doing what you are doing, not just showing them. An action demonstration can be given anywhere there are a lot of people, such as a county fair, a shopping mall, or any community event. A 4-H meeting or a Junior Leader meeting is also a great place to give a demonstration. An action demonstration can be on almost any topic. Here are some questions to ask yourself when choosing a topic:

- Is it something that can be given in 3-5 minutes?
- Is it something that would interest the general public?
- Is there something “hands on” for the audience to do?
- Can the supplies for the “hands-on” activity be used over and over again, or will they have to be replaced every time? (Note; if they have to be replaced, it will add to cost)

Your demonstration should last about 3-5 minutes, and you may need to do it over and over with many different people. There is no prepared speech in an action demo; it is a two-way conversation. Your goal is to involve the audience, and you can do this by having them:

- Do what you are doing.
- Play a game
- Answer questions.
- Do a hands-on activity

Ohio County 4-H Royalty Contest

Purpose:

- To promote the mission of the Ohio County 4-H program by;
- Providing an opportunity for the 4-H member to present information to the general public about 4-H and fair activities.
- Acknowledging a member's passion for 4-H and recognizing their commitment.

Eligible Contestants must:

- **Submit a completed application and portrait picture in 4-H Online by deadline.**
- Participate in the interview process and attend the award ceremony.
- Complete duties according to availability; based on fair show schedule.
- Meet Grade Categories;
 - Junior Ambassadors: Grades 3 - 8 as of March 1st.
 - Senior Ambassadors: Grades 9 - 12 as of March 1st.

Judging Criteria:

- Resume: 10%
- Written Application: 30%
- Interview: 60%

Duties/Responsibilities:

- Represent Ohio County 4-H in a positive manner.
- Promote 4-H within the community at various events.
- Welcome and assist visitors at the Ohio County Fair.
- Present awards at livestock shows and/or Parade of Champions.
- Assist with 4-H Fun events, etc.
- Appear in buyer pictures at the auction.

Awards per Royalty Winners [Maximum of 2 Junior royalty and 2 Senior royalty]

- Senior Royalty- shirt, sash, crown and/or hat
- Junior Royalty- shirt, sash, crown and/or hat

4-H Camp and Trips

Guidelines

- Any 4-H member interested in attending any camp or trip must pay for it at the time the application is due.
- The Youth Advisory Board with the help from sponsors will pay half of the cost of the camp or trip.
- Transportation for the camp or trip is the responsibility of the 4-H member.

State Fair Terms and Conditions
State Fair Exhibit and Animal Ownership

- It is the 4-H member's responsibility to be aware of all State Fair Rules, deadlines and entry requirements.
 - Obtain a copy of the current Indiana State Fair 4-H/FFA Handbook from the Extension Office for complete information.

State Fair Exhibits:

- An exhibit may not be entered in more than one State Fair 4-H lot except in some animal classes where designated. In a State Fair lot requiring more than one item, all items must be exhibited by the same 4-H member. All parts of an exhibit made in one lot must belong to one 4-H member.
- All 4-H exhibits at the State Fair must be prepared during the current 4-H year. Eligibility rests solely with the State 4-H Youth Development Department Head on entries in all 4-H classes.
- Any 4-H exhibit removed from display prior to the official release will be disqualified. Any 4-H placing /prizes (including ribbons, money, medals, trophies, etc.) awarded that exhibit will be forfeited.
- 4-H exhibitors having an entry in animal lots at State Fair are expected to show their own animals. In cases where this cannot be done, the owner may request a substitute showman. Substitute showmen must be approved in writing by the 4-H show manager, 24 hours prior to the showing of the animal(s) needing a substitute showman. Requests will only be granted for medical emergencies, conflicts with showing other animals, or desperate circumstances deemed unavoidable by the 4-H show manager. Failure to be excused from a job will not result in a substitute showman form.

Animal Ownership:

The current year's State livestock enrollment is to be completed online with the required identification by the published County deadline.

Guidelines for Animal Exhibits: Each 4-H member shall own his/her 4-H exhibit. Ownership, personal possession, and regular care of the animal must be in effect on or before the county and state enrollment deadlines and continuously until after the 4-H show at the county and/or state fair.

- For 4-H breeding animals, family corporations and/or partnerships of 4-H members with one or more parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, or a legal guardian are acceptable.
- For 4-H dairy cattle, family corporations and/or partnerships of the 4-H member with unrelated persons or dairy operations are also acceptable.
- Dairy heifers, horses, ponies and llamas may be leased. These leased animals may be 4-H projects, subject to approval of the county 4-H dairy, horse and pony, or llama committee.
- 4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the animal enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair, shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.

Animal Ownership/Possession and Exhibition

4-H animals purchased, sold or offered for sale after the animal enrollment deadline and prior to the Indiana State Fair, shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair.

4-H animals exhibited after the animal enrollment deadline (April 1st for steers and May 15th for all other animals), under a different name than the person listed on the Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form shall not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This means that if the animal is exhibited at any show by anyone other than a person listed on the

Indiana 4-H animal enrollment form, the animal will not be eligible to be shown in the 4-H show at the Indiana State Fair. This term/condition does not apply to siblings, who may show each other's animals at any show during the year without jeopardizing State Fair eligibility, regardless of whether or not the sibling is a 4-H member. **This term/condition does not apply to the Horse & Pony program where a parent MAY show the horse or pony after it has been enrolled in the 4-H Program**

4-H members showing registered beef, Boer goats, dairy, dairy goats, sheep and swine must present a registration certificate (no photocopies, carbons or fax copies, except a fax directly from the national breed association to the Indiana State Fair) to the 4-H show manager before the specified time for each species, showing that the exhibitor owns the animal being exhibited, as per ownership terms, on or before the May 15th enrollment deadline and continuously until 4-H show day at the Indiana State Fair.

4-H Breeding beef, Boer Goats, dairy goats, sheep and swine must be registered in very specific ways. Please call the Extension Office for details.

*****Please read the State Fair 4-H/FFA Premium Book for specific ownership requirements of a given project. The State Fair Premium Book may be found at <http://www.indianastatefair.com/>.**

State Fair Projects and Tickets

State Fair: If you are planning on entering your project at the Indiana State Fair, call the Extension Office to secure the entry deadline date and entry fee for your project. Many projects have very specific requirements and procedures to exhibit at the State Fair; and **ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH YEAR**. Exhibits that are selected for State Fair will be taken to the State Fair by the Extension Educator provided they are brought to the Extension Office by the specified time, and they are small enough to be taken in the Educator's vehicle.

The Extension Educator will not assume responsibility for the well being of fragile or extremely valuable projects.

Indiana State Fair Ticket Policy: Since requests for State Fair admission tickets exceed the number of tickets actually received by the Extension Office, it is necessary to establish a policy for the equitable distribution of tickets. State fair tickets will be handed out in the following order:

First Priority:

1. Each State Fair qualifying exhibit hall exhibitor shall receive two tickets (one for the 4-Her and one for a parent) **if reserved in advance by deadline.**
2. All recognized 4-H club leaders shall receive one tickets.
3. Any other miscellaneous 4-H exhibitor will receive two tickets per event in which he/she is involved.

Second Priority:

1. Each member of the various boards associated with the Ohio County Extension Service shall receive two tickets per member (Extension Board, Youth Advisory Board, Fair Board, Homemakers).
2. Each Ohio County Extension staff member shall receive two tickets each day they are required or requested to be present at the state fair up to a maximum of ten.

Third Priority:

Any remaining tickets will be held in reserve and distributed at the discretion of the CED.

4-H Exhibit Hall Sweepstakes

The Ohio County 4-H Fair Indoor Exhibit Sweepstakes Contest

The purpose of the Indoor Exhibits Sweepstakes Contest is to encourage learning, promotion of Indoor 4-H Projects and recognize youth for outstanding work in the Indoor Exhibit Hall.

All County and State projects are eligible for Sweepstakes, however, only one (1) poster may be counted toward Sweepstakes points. The winner of the Ohio County 4-H Fair Indoor Exhibit Sweepstakes Contest will be eligible to auction off one (1) Youth Advisory Board approved project (ex: pie, baked good, craft, woodworking, etc.) at the Fair Auction.

All 4H members that complete a minimum of 5 Exhibit Hall projects from the list below is automatically entered into sweepstakes:

Aerospace	Forestry	Small Engine
Alfalfa	Garden	Small Grains
Genealogy	Arts and Crafts	Geology
Soybeans	Beekeeping	Gift Wrapping
Recycling	Heath	Sports Fishing
Cake Decorating	Home Environment	
Sewing Wearable/Non-Wearable	Cat Poster	
Child Development	Photography	Tobacco
Collections	Tractor Poster	Cookie Jar Contest
Poultry Poster	Verbal Communications	
Consumer Clothing	Rabbit Poster	Vet Science
Corn	Weather & Climate Science	
Dog Poster	Scrapbooking	Wearable Art
Electric	Sewing Non-Wearable/Wearable	Wildlife
Entomology	Shooting Sports Education	Woodworking
Floriculture	Single Vegetable	
Foods & Food Preservation	Small Vegetable	

Points will be given out based on their placings as follows:

Blue- 5 point	Red- 3points	White-1 point
Honor Group (Orange ribbon) - 10 points		Grand Champion- 15 points
Res. Grand Champion- 12 points		Selected for State Fair- 5 points

35 eligible points for each STATE project.

30 eligible points for each COUNTY project.

Point totals for youth participating will be added up by 4-H Educator, Youth Advisory Board Chair and Fair Board Chairman. Winner of Sweepstakes will be posted at Exhibit Hall on Monday of Fair at 12:00pm at Exhibit Hall. In case of a tie, there will be a sweepstakes judge, from out of the county, to designate a winner.

The winner of Sweepstakes is eligible to sell an item in the auction regardless of livestock projects.

Supreme Showmanship Form

Name: _____ Species: _____

Years in Project: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Parents: _____

He/she is involved in: (Clubs, Sports)

In 4-H he/she has taken: (4-H projects)

Favorite 4-H Memory:

Grievance Guidelines for County 4-H Program Issues:

(Activities, Programs, Projects)

1. Grievances are made by completing the Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal form with the burden of proof being the responsibility of the individual filing the grievance. The completed grievance/appeal form and supporting documentation shall be presented to the president of the 4-H policy-making body (Ohio County Youth Advisory Board) or the Purdue Extension Educator who works with the 4-H Program. (NOTE: concerns regarding staff, volunteers, members, or other individuals are not issues for which a grievance may be filed. 4-H volunteers are assigned by the 4-H Extension Educator. Concerns regarding 4-H volunteers, members, or other individuals should be addressed directly with the Purdue 4-H Extension Educator.)
2. Grievances pertaining to 4-H activities, programs or projects shall be filed within 14 days of an incident or occurrence. Grievances pertaining to county fair related issues are often time- sensitive and must be filed within 24 hours of the incident.
3. The grievance process occurs in the county where the issue or concern arises and offers two opportunities for a concern to be heard and reviewed.
 - A. The grievance is initially heard by an unbiased, representative grievance sub-committee of approved 4-H Volunteers. It is the Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H Programming who shall annually work with the chair of the county 4-H Council to determine this committee's membership to include a combination of 3-6 of the following individuals: one representative of the 4-H Council; two 4-H volunteers serving as a 4-H club organizational leader; one member of the County Extension Board; one 4-H volunteer knowledgeable in the subject matter (project) of concern (this individual will vary dependent on the issue raised with the grievance); one youth representative; and up to three community leaders. The Purdue Extension Educator assigned to 4-H shall convene the group.
 - B. The person filing a grievance may appeal a decision of the 4-H Grievance Committee to the State 4-H Program Leader or designee. The Program Leader or designee will review the facts in evidence and render a decision. This is the second and **final level** in the appeal process.

Indiana 4-H Grievance/Appeal Form

WARNING: You must read and initial this section before proceeding to complete this document.

- _____ 1. I understand and agree that filing a grievance that alleges
- A. facts that are not true, or
 - B. facts that I know are not true, or
 - C. facts I should know are not true: will be considered a violation of the 4-H behavioral expectations.
- _____ 2. I understand and agree that all statements made herein by me are subject to the pains and penalties of perjury and I hereby affirm that my statements herein are true.
- _____ 3. I understand that perjury is a crime in Indiana.

I, the undersigned, allege that the following term(s) and condition(s) have been violated:

The facts which support this allegation are set out as follows:

(If needed, additional sheets may be attached.)

I swear or affirm under the penalties of perjury ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ that I have read, understand, and accept the above statements to be true, accurate, and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Time Submitted: _____

Print your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Oath ⁽³⁾

Before me, _____ A Notary Public in and for _____ County, State of Indiana, personally appeared _____ and he/she being first duly sworn by me upon his/her oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument are true.

(signed) _____ My commission expires: _____

(SEAL)

1. Perjury –making a false, material statement under oath or affirmation, knowing the statement to be false or not believing it to be true. In Indiana, a person who commits perjury commits a Level 6 felony,⁽⁴⁾ which may be punishable by imprisonment, fine, or restitution (Indiana Code 35-44.1-2-1 and 35-50-2-1)
2. Prosecution for violations of Indiana law will be referred to the proper authorities.
3. Oath – An affirmation of truth of a statement before an authorized person.
4. Felony – A crime of graver or more serious nature than those designated as misdemeanors.