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#### **Office Closings**

November 11– Veteran's Day November 28-29– Thanksgiving December 24-25– Christmas December 30– Office Open until NOON

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#### Global Gateway Experience Do you want to change the world?

Do you have an interest in learning about civic engagement and the global hunger issue? There is an opportunity for Harrison County 4-H members (grades 7-12) to get involved and learn more by attending the Global Gateway Experience at the Howell Nature Center in Howell, Michigan, April 17-19, 2020. (Friday – Sunday evening).

The Global Gateway Experience includes a Global Village in which youth will see recreated urban slums, bamboo huts, shanties, refugee camps, and more. The Howell Nature Center creates an experience in which nothing - shelter, food, water or cooking fuel can be taken for granted. Participants will understand global hunger through a number of exercises and prepare a meal with limited resources while staying in the Global Village.

4-H members will stay at the lodge in the Howell Nature Center the first night and spend the night in one of the Global Village structures on the second night.

The registration fee for the experience will be \$175, plus the cost of two meals on the trip to/from Michigan. The Harrison County 4-H Council may provide financial assistance. Transportation by charter bus will be provided and is sponsored by Indiana 4-H Youth Development. Youth must submit an application as this trip is limited. Harrison County can take a team of 4 youth and 1 adult on this trip.

Rebecca is looking for an enthusiastic adult volunteer to lead this group while on the trip, and to help them with their projects upon their return. Applications are available from the Harrison County Extension Office and are due by **November 22.** The number of teams is limited, so do not delay!



Genca Wilkin



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## **Important Dates!**

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### **Dates to Remember: Read inside for more information!**

#### November 2019

- 3- Super Shooters 4-H Club Meeting
- 4- Horse Bowl and Hippology Meeting
- 4-4-H Council Meeting 7PM
- 5– Forestry CDE Team Meeting 6PM
- 7– Mini Bountiful Breakfast # 1
- 7– Youth ServSafe Food Handling
- 7- Forestry CDE Team Meeting 6PM
- 11-Office Closed, Veteran's Day
- 11-Scholarship Workshop
- 12– Youth Mental Heath First Aid
- 12–Forestry CDE Team Meeting 6PM
- 14– Mini Bountiful Breakfast # 2
- 14–Forestry CDE Team Meeting 6PM
- 16– Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit
- 19–4-H Strummers Spark Club
- 19- Crops, Entomology, Forestry CDE Event
- 21– Parasite Workshop
- 22– Junior Leader Retreat
- 26- Livestock Committee Meeting
- 28-29- Office closed, Thanksgiving
- 29– National 4-H Youth Congress
- 30– Mr Gatti's Fundraiser for Fowl Play
- 30- Junior Leaders Angel Tree Shopping



#### December 2019

- 1-4-H Supers Shooters 4-H Club Meeting
- 2– 4-H Council Meeting 7PM
- 3– 4-H Strummers Spark Club
- 7– Mini 4-H Saturday with Santa
- 9– Holiday Tarts for Kids 5:30 PM
- 9– Junior Leaders Meeting 7PM
- 10– Volunteer Training
- 12- Junior Leaders Bell Ringing
- 14- Hauling Livestock Workshop
- 17– Strummers Spark Club
- 17– Protecting Your Children Program
- 24-25- Office Closed, Christmas
- 30– Office open until NOON
- 31-Office Closed, New Year's Eve

#### <u>January 2020</u>

- 1-Office Closed, New Year's Day
- 5- Super Shooters 4-H Club Meeting
- 6– 4-H Council Meeting 7PM
- 12- Super Shooters 4-H Club Rifle Workshop
- 13– Junior Leaders Meeting

#### <u>15- 4-H Open Enrollment ends</u>

- 19- Super Shooters 4-H Club Rifle Workshop
- 23– Project Night/Mini Snow Workshop
- 23– Dairy Goat Workshop
- 25–4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 25- Lucky Horseshoes Soup & Pie Auction
- 28- Auction Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28– Livestock Committee Meeting 6:30 PM

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#### Super Shooter Club 4-H Club

### 2019-2020 Meetings & Workshop Schedule

November 3, 2019 MEETING. Outdoor Pursuit Workshop, Officer Nor	minations	
This meeting- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm		
December 1, 2019 MEETING. Officer Nominations, Christmas party v	vith the FCCC.	
Bring a side dish. FCCC provides main meats.		
This meeting– 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Please bring covered dish to share		
January 5, 2020 MEETING. Officer Elections, Safety, Range Rules	and Expectations.	
ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS and CHILD/CHILDREN	ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS and CHILD/CHILDREN MUST ATTEND!	
Bring a friend. Pass it on!		
This meeting- 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. May end earl	<u>ier.</u>	
January 12, 2020 Rifle Workshop		
January 19, 2020 Rifle Workshop		
February 2, 2020 MEETING. Muzzleloader workshop		
February 9, 2020 Muzzleloader Workshop		
February 16, 2020 Pistol Workshop		
March 1, 2020 MEETING. Pistol Workshop		
March 8, 2020 Shotgun Workshop		
March 15, 2020 Shotgun Workshop		
April 5, 2020 MEETING. Archery Workshop		
April 19, 2020 Archery Workshop, Picnic,		
Project Questions and Fun		

#### Live Ammunition and Firearms are used.

Meetings and Workshops will be held at the Floyd County Conservation Club (3097 Georgetown Greenville Road, Georgetown, IN 47112)

Meeting/Workshops are from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, except for explained dates.

A large portion of each workshop will be outdoors. Please dress accordingly during the colder months. Layers for your body, hats, ear covers, gloves, coats, boots and thick socks.

Hunters Ed can be obtained by parent/guardian and child. Will be explained on January 5th, 2020.

Hot chocolate or drinks will be provided.

Participants are asked to help in providing side dishes, snacks, and desserts to share. There will be no make up for weather conditions. We will try to contact everyone if weather looks or is bad. If you feel the weather is going to be bad for travel, <u>Safety</u> is the first thing. Please contact us for decision.

If you need to contact us:

Randal Clifton—Cell: (502)817-6448 Michele Clifton—Cell: (502)817-9859

#### Horse Bowl & Hippology Call Out Meeting

Monday, November 4th 6:30 PM

4-H'ers in grades 3rd through 12th are invited to the Horse Bowl and Hippology Call Out Meeting Monday, November 4th at 6:30 PM at the Georgetown Optimist Club! No horse? No problem! Any 4-H member interested in gaining more knowledge about horses is welcomed to attend. Both Harrison County and Floyd County 4-H practice together.

What is Hippology? Hippology is the study of horses. You will learn all about horse care, anatomy, nutrition, management, and more. You will then have the opportunity to compete against other 4-H members in your age group about facts in the 4-H Hippology contest at Purdue University!

What is Horse Bowl? Horse Bowl is a jeopardy-style team competition. Like Hippology, you will be asked questions pertaining to horse topics. Pairs of four member teams compete against each other responding to questions asked by a contest moderator. Each team is given credit for correct answers, and in some cases penalty for incorrect answers. The team with the highest score at the end of the contest is declared the winner.

Coaches and volunteers include Susan Haun, Debbie Haeberlin, and Anna Denny. If you are interested in participating in either Hippology, Horse Bowl, or both, please come to this informational meeting or contact Anna Denny at (812)736-

1433, denny4@purdue.edu or Debbie Haeberlin at (502)345-1680,

debbiehaeberlin@gmail.com. The Georgetown Optimist club is located at 8260 IN-64 in Georgetown.

### Scholarship Workshop

Monday, November 11th 6:00 PM

High school Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend this scholarship workshop held at the Purdue Extension Harrison County Office to help work on scholarship applications and interview skills with Rebecca Wilkins, 4-H Youth Development Educator. If you have any questions, please contact her at (812)738-4236 or email her at wilkin33@purdue.edu.

### Parasite Workshop

Thursday, November 21st 7:00 PM

#### Dr. Beckman of Gas Light Equine will discuss:

- Symptoms of parasite loads -Fecal egg counts -Control methods Bring a fecal ball less than 24 hours old labeled with your horse's name and date. \$10.00 for a McMaster Slide. Bring a friend! Open to youth and adults! **Call for location and to RSVP at (812)738-4236** 







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## Saturday With Santa A Mini 4-H Workshop

Saturday, December 7th, 2019 For 4-H'ers in K–2nd grade!



Crafts, stories, treats, & more! Meet Santa Claus! Admission is two canned goods per child. **RSVP** by November 29th, 2019 by calling 812-738-4236 or emailing Mary at feve@purdue.edu

### Holiday Tarts for Kids

Monday, December 9th 3:30 PM Learn how to make three different tarts for the holiday! Cost is \$5.00 per participant. RSVP by Monday December 2nd at 812-738-4236.



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### Forestry Career Development Event



The Harrison County Forestry CDE Team meets at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office on the following dates:

Tuesday November 5th

Thursday November 7th

Tuesday November 12th

Thursday November 14th

The Area 2 Forestry CDE Competition will be November 19th at the Orange County Community Center in Paoli.

For more information, contact Amanda Uhl at 812-736-9652.

#### Mini 4-H Workshop: Over & Under the Snow! Thursday, January 23

Did you know there was a secret kingdom under the snow? Learn how many animals depend on the snow to stay warm during the

winter. The activity will be an art project relating to the topic. As tradition, we will end the workshop with cookies and a story! RSVP by January 15 by calling 8127384236 or email feve@purdue.edu

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Project Nights-** Volunteer an hour or two of your time to pass your knowledge on to an eager child. We need you to help 4-H members learn and enjoy new skills. Contact Rebecca at 812-738-4236 or wilkin33@purdue.edu if interested!

Valentine's Day Parent's Night Out– We are looking for teenage or adult volunteers to help us out with our Valentine's Day Parent's Night Out on February 14th from 6 PM to 8 PM. Contact Rebecca if you're interested in helping out! Call 812-738-4236 or email wilkin33@purdue.edu.

## Spark Clubs

#### What is a Spark Club and how do I get involved?

A SPARK Club is a short term club that provides an experience for a specific topic. These are lead by volunteers who are knowledgeable and passionate about the topic. They meet for at least six hours, but the schedule depends on what fits the content best. Some may meet for one day or some may meet on multiple evenings.

SPARK Clubs are open to ALL Harrison County youth, whether they currently are a 4-H member or not. Participants will get to join 4-H as part of this experience. We hope you find something that SPARKs your interest! If you would like to volunteer to start a SPARK Club, or if you are a Harrison County Youth that would like to attend a SPARK Club, contact Rebecca at (812)738-4236 or wilkin33@purdue.edu

### **4-H Strummers Spark Club**

4-H members learn about MUSIC! The 4-H Strummers will meet from 3-5PM on September 10, September 24, October 22, November 19, December 3 and December 17th. Youth will learn to play through mentoring, have opportunities to develop their music skills, and record

their creations! Sign up through the Purdue Extension Office today at 812-738-4236. Cost is \$15 for 4-H enrollment and open to all youth.

### Hauling Livestock Workshop

Saturday, December 14th 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Youth are encouraged to attend this hands-on workshop to learn about the laws of the road, trailer safety, rig inspection, and more! There will be an obstacle course with a bumper pull and gooseneck trailer for participants with a driver's permit or license. \$30.00 for non 4-H members. \$15 for 4-H member/parent participant. Lunch and workbook will be provided. YQCA offered for 4-H members! RSVP by December 6th at (812)738-4236. This will be located at the Purdue Extension Harrison County Office at 247 Atwood Street in Corydon.



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## Youth Safety



### Volunteer Training and Minor Safety Training

Tuesday, December 10th 6:00 PM

4-H Volunteer Training will take place at the Purdue Extension Office Harrison County at 247 Atwood Street. In person Minor Safety Training will also be available to those who need to take it. **ALL** 4-H Volunteers MUST be up-to-date with their Minor Safety Training per Purdue University policy. The certificate is good for two years. You can also take the training online at <u>puext.in/VolTrain19\_20</u>.

### **Protecting Your Children**

December 17th, 2019

"Advice from Child Molesters"

December 17, 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM there will be a FREE workshop at the Purdue Extension Office.

#### **Topics Covered:**

- Extent of the problem who the offenders are and why they molest children.
- Common seduction, manipulation and "grooming" tactics used by offenders.
- Talking to children about abuse and people with "secret touching problems."
- Practical child and family "rules" for safety.
- Responding to child sexual abuse disclosures and reporting child abuse

#### Did you Know?

Every 98 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted. Every 8 minutes, that victim is a child. Of sexual abuse cases reported to law enforcement, 93% of juvenile victims knew the perpetrator.

Presented By: Comfort House Child Advocacy Center, Harrison County Sheriff's Department, and the Indiana State Police

**WARNING**: This workshop incorporates videotaped interviews with convicted sex offenders and graphic discussions about sexual crimes and child abuse. Participants with a personal history of abuse are encouraged to have support people available following the presentation. Children and teens will not be admitted. RSVP required as seating is limited!

#### REGISTER HERE: Call (812)225-5437 or

www.eventbrite.com/e/protecting-your-children-advice-from-childmolesters-tickets-72540810517

#### **New Adult Volunteers**

Individuals expressing interest in becoming a 4-H Adult volunteer must:

- 1) Schedule an interview with Rebecca Wilkins, the 4-H Youth Development Educator
- 2) Visit the Purdue Extension Office in Harrison County to complete the paper application and screening process:
  - a. Clearance through the national and state sex and violent offender registries
  - b. 3 letters recommendations from references returned to the office
- 3) Complete the Minor Safety Training (details below)
- 4) Complete 4HOnline.com enrollment process (instructions on page 10 & 11 of newsletter)

### **Minor Safety Training**

#### **Operating Procedures for Programs Involving Minors**

ALL Adult Volunteers MUST be up to date with their Minor Safety Training. As representatives of Purdue University, both paid staff and volunteers, we all have the responsibility to ensure the well-being of the youth in our programs. The training must be renewed every 24 months. To take this training online, go to puext.in/VolTrain19\_20. There will also be a inperson training available, but it must be completed in order for one to be an approved volunteer.

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### How YOU can help Harrison County 4-H as a volunteer!

Interested in different ways of helping out the Harrison County 4-H Program? There are many roles an adult volunteer can take on that are highly valued in our community. The Harrison County 4-H Program is in need of members to serve on different committees. If you're wondering how you can help and become a member, here is a list of all of the committees:

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Facilities Committee
- Awards Committee
- Promotion Committee
- Leader Training Committee

Other adult volunteer opportunities include:

- Coaching •
- Career Development Events
- Chaperoning State Events •
- Providing Workshops •
- Becoming a Project Superintendent during the fair
- Start a Spark Club •
- Event Planning

- Livestock Advisory Committee
- Horse & Pony Advisory Committee
- Auction Committee
- Programs Committee

#### **Interested in Helping Out? Questions?**

Contact Rebecca Wilkins

(812)738-4236 wilkins33@purdue.edu 247 Atwood Street, Corydon



## **Enrollment**



#### **Re-Enrolling Families**

www.4HOnline.com

Here are steps for Re-Enrolling your family with an existing 4HOnline Account. As always, we will have computers available in the office during business hours and we are happy to assist you. Please bring your email address and 4HOnline password. We do not keep records of passwords in the office.

- 1. Go to Indiana 4HOnline page at http://in.4honline.com using Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari as your browser.
- 2. If you have logged into your 4HOnline account before and remember your password, log in to your account and skip to 18. Review and edit your Clubs if necessary. step #13.
- 3. If you have never logged in to your 4HOnline account before, contact the Extension Office to obtain the email address that is on file for your account. If you do not have an email address on file, contact the Extension Office to add the email address to your account.
- 4. Enter your email address and select "I forgot my password".
- 5. Select "Family" as your role.
- 6. Click "Send My Password".
- 7. Check your email account for your temporary password. Once you receive your password, select "I have a profile".
- 8. Enter the temporary password from the email message to the login page and Click "Login".
- 9. Once you log in, you will be prompted to create a new password. Enter a new password that you will remember.
- 10. Click "Continue" to go to your Family Member List.
- 11. The Member List will show all of the youth who were enrolled in the previous year.
- 12. Click "Edit" next to the Inactive member you would like to re-enroll.
- 13. To update your family information, click "Edit Family".
- 14. Scroll to the bottom of the record review page and click "Enroll for 2019 - 2020".
- 15. Update any personal information and Click "Continue" at the bottom of the page.

- 16. Read the Additional Information carefully.
- 17. Mark the check box and/or sign each section. This section will be locked for editing after the enrollment has been submitted. Then Click "Continue".
- Only Clubs in which the member will participate during the current program year should be listed. Click "Continue".
- 19. Review and edit projects as needed, then Click "Continue".
- 20. NOTE: Only projects in which the member will participate in during the year should be listed in the Projects tab. Previous year projects will remain on the Member's enrollment history. Remove any projects listed in which the member will no longer participate.
- 21. Groups is optional. Add any Groups in which the member will participate during the current program year, then Click "Continue".
- 22. An individual invoice is created for every Youth member and Adult Volunteer. Enrollment is not complete until the enrollment is submitted AND payment of any applicable fees is received. Click "Continue" to view your invoice, select a payment method, confirm payment and submit your enrollment.
- members and adult volunteers in your family 23. You will receive email notification that your enrollment has been submitted. You will also receive a second email notification when the County has reviewed and accepted your enrollment.

## Enrollment



#### New Adult Volunteers Please Schedule an Interview First!

Individuals expressing interest in becoming a 4-H Adult volunteer must schedule an interview with Rebecca Wilkins, the 4-H Youth Development Educator, and visit the Purdue Extension Office in Harrison County to complete the paper application and screening process. Once the application and screening process has been completed and assigned a volunteer role by the 4-H Youth Extension Educator, adult volunteers can be added into 4HOnline.

 Go to https://in.4honline.com and choose "I need to set up a profile". Select Harrison County.

3. Confirm your e-mail address.

- 4. Type in your household's last name.
- 5. Create your password
- 6. In the Role field select Family.
- 7. Click on "Create Login"

8. Choose your correspondence preference to either "Mail" or "Email".

9. Click on the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page.

10. In the drop down box under "Add a New Family Member", select "Adult" and click on "Add Member".

11. Complete each field in **BOLD**. These are required fields.

12. When you have completed this page, click "Continue." This brings you to the Additional Information Page.

13. All fields are **required**. Select an option if there is a choice, or check the "I agree..." box.

14. The authorization sections include Adult Behavioral Expectations, National and State Sex and Violent Offender Registry Check, Personal Liability Waiver, the Purdue University Vehicle Use Policy and Volunteer Required Signatures.

15. Double-check the transportation option that is selected is correct.

16. All fields must be filled in before you can click the Continue button.

17. Type your legal name in the membership signature box. This will serve as your electronic member signature.

18. By logging on with your login email address and password, you are indicating that you are the correct person to agree to the terms19. When you have completed this page, click "Continue."

20. If you are a 4-H Club Volunteer, select the appropriate club from the list. Be sure to click "Add Club".

21. Add additional clubs if you have 4-H Club Volunteer responsibilities for more than one club.

22. Click the "Continue" button.

23. If you are a Project Leader/Volunteer under "Select a Project" click on the drop down menu and select the first project for which you have 4-H Adult Volunteer responsibilities.

24. "Years in Project" – Select the number of years you have been a project leader for this project.

25.Select your role as a Volunteer for this Project 26. Click on "Add Project".

27. For each additional project that you are a volunteer, repeat the steps above.

28. Click the "Continue" button

29. If your assigned 4-H Volunteer responsibilities is to serve as a Committee Member, 4-H Council Member, Fair Board Member, or in an advisory role, click on the drop down menu and select the appropriate Group and Volunteer Type.

30. Once you have entered all your club(s), project(s), and/orgroup(s) you need to click on "Submit Enrollment" and you are done!

Don't have internet or a computer? No problem! Come to the Purdue Extension Office to use a computer. We can even help you step by step in getting your family enrolled!

## Area, State & National Events

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## Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit

Saturday, November 16

This is a one-day opportunity for 4-H members, volunteers, and staff that will focus on 4-H leadership education and resources and will energize participants to pursue excellence in their local communities. Highlights include breakout sessions focused on leadership, IN 4-H Foundation Accomplishment Scholarship Luncheon, IN 4-H Volunteer Awards of Excellence Presentations, and 4-H Tenured Volunteer Recognition.

#### Harrison County Tenured Volunteers Recognized at the Indiana 4-H Leadership Summit

James Blank	20 years
Martha Blank	20 years
Glen Casada	20 years
Virginia Garwood	20 years
Marcia Harmon Gliottone	40 years
Janice Sauerheber	45 years
Victor Sauerheber	45 years

### Area II Teen Leadership Retreat

5:30 PM-2:00 PM

Nov 22—Nov 23



At 4-H Academy at Purdue University, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana. Contact Rebecca Wilkins, 4-H Youth Development Educator before May 15 to apply. Workshops offered as part of 4-H Academy include Animal Science, Personal Finance, Computer Science, Journalism, Natural Resources, Flight, Electric, Health, Entrepreneurship, Plant Science, Engineering, Food Science, and Civil Engagement.

\$35 Registration at IN.4HOnline.com Sign up Deadline NOV 12, 2019 For more info: bit.ly/A2TeensLead

### Performing Arts Contest Save the Dates!

Harrison County Performing Arts Contest

March 6, 2020 Location TBD

Area II Performing Arts Contest April 3, 2020 Location TBD



## Area, State & National Events

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### National 4-H Conference March 28 - April 2, 2020

The National 4-H Conference is the pinnacle experience in 4-H Civic Engagement, providing the opportunity for young people to connect, learn, engage, lead, and impact their communities, their nation, and their world. One to four delegates will represent Indiana at National 4-H Conference. Youth may complete their application through their 4HOnline account.

Go to <u>purdue.ag/National4HConference</u> for more info. Applications are due **December 1st**. See Rebecca for Details.

### **4-H Academy** June 10-12, 2020

At 4-H Academy at Purdue University, high school students visit Purdue University to interact with faculty and industry professionals and meet new friends from across Indiana. Contact Rebecca Wilkins, 4-H Youth Development Educator before May 15 to apply. Workshops offered as part of 4-H Academy include Animal Science, Personal Finance, Computer Science, Journalism, Natural Resources, Flight, Electric, Health, Entrepreneurship, Plant Science, Engineering, Food Science, and Civil Engagement.

### **4-H Round-Up** June 22-24, 2020

4-H Round up will bring 7th through 9th grade youth to Purdue's campus in the Summer of 2020 for an opportunity to engage in hands on career exploration in their fields of interest. If you are interested in attending 4-H Round Up at Purdue University, contact Rebecca Wilkins at wilkin33@purdue.edu or 8127384236.

### Citizenship Washington Focus June 7-July 18, 2020

Every summer, high school students from across the country travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), 4-H's premier leadership and citizenship program for high school students. CWF is more than a Washington, D.C. field trip – it's an opportunity for 4-H'ers to learn how to be citizen leaders and make a difference in their communities. Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through educational workshops, facilitated by our highly trained collegiate program assistants. Workshops start with the basics of good citizenship and culminate with action planning for their own communities. For more information, go to purdue.ag/4Hcwf. Registration is due May 15th, so contact Rebecca if you are interested in this exciting trip to Washington D.C!

## State & National Opportunities Page 14



## AFGC National Youth in Forage Essay Contest

#### 2020 Contest and Information

The American Forage and Grassland Council (AFGC) is soliciting entries for its Youth in Forage Management Essay Contest. This contest is funded by the generous support of R.L and Pat Dalrymple and Elstel Farm and Seed of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Prize money is awarded to the top two essays in each category as well as a one-year



complimentary AFGC student membership.

There are two age categories for participants. The age categories are based on age as of January 1, 2019.

Category 1– Under 14 years of age; 200 to 400 word essay

Category 2–14 to 18 years of age; 350 to 500 word essay

**Essays are judged with the following criteria:** basic essay requirements met, originality, writing quality, passion for topic, evidence of forage management knowledge, and interesting to read.

#### **Requirements**:

- Essays must be original composition of the entrants.
- Essays must be typed using Times New Roman 12 pt. font. Essay should be single spaced.
- All submissions must include the authors name, address, city, state and zip, phone number and email address (email and phone are optional).
- All submissions should include the age category at the top of the essay & total word count.
- All submissions must be signed and dated by the author.
- If submitted electronically, please send as a Word document attachment.
- Subject matter may be anything pertaining to forage management, including but not limited to, personal experiences in grazing or forage management, observation or explanation of forage practices, livestock management on pasture or stored forages, fencing or other equipment related to grazing and forage management, plant or animal species response to grazing management, or any other subject matter related to grazing or forage management.
- A judging panel will judge the essays and all decisions are final.

The deadline for the 2020 Youth in Forage Management Essay Contest is December 2, 2019. Essays should be submitted electronically via e-mail to membership@afgc.org as a word document or mail to AFGC, PO Box 867, Berea, KY 40403. For additional information, call (800)944-2342.