

4-H Newsletter



2023 Fair Dates

Fulton County Fair – July 8-15, 2023

Indiana State Fair – July 28-August 20, 2023



BEEF & DAIRY STEER ID & TAGGING

Saturday, March 4 - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

You should have received your paperwork in the mail.

SHEEP ID

Friday, May 5 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FEEDER CALF ID

Saturday, May 6 - 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

GOAT ID

Saturday, May 6 - 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

*****May 15 is the deadline for registering animals on 4honline.*****

This can be done at any time.

TAG PRICES

Beef	Dairy	Goats & Sheep	Swine
RFID - \$4	RFID - \$4	County (Yellow) - \$1	RFID - \$3

4-H GOAT CLINIC & WORKSHOP

Saturday March 4, 2023 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Contact Tina Hirsch for more information

574/952-2998

UPDOMING DATES

Woodrow Peppers/Sodbusters Zoom meeting - February 22, 6:30
Dog Fair Informational Meeting - 2:00 - 3:00 at the fairgrounds
Aubbee Gamblers 4-H Club meeting - February 28, 7:00, Leiters Ford Comm Building
Burton Busy Bees - March 7, 6:00, Fairgrounds
Woodrow Peppers/Sodbusters Zoom meeting - March 8, 6:00
Wayne Wide Awake Trophy Finders - March 12 - 2:00 at Grass Creek Firestation
Newcastle Nifties 4-H Club Meeting - March 13 - 7:00 at Jessica Clauson's home
Jr. Leaders Meeting - March 19 - 2:30 p.m.
Aubbee Gamblers 4-H Club meeting - March 21, 7:00, Leiters Ford Comm Building
Newcastle Nifties 4-H Club Meeting, March 27 - 7:00 at Jessica Clauson's home
Bullseyes Club meeting - March 27, 6:30

PROJECT SUMMARY GUIDE

The Project Summary Guide is ready. It is subject to change if we happen to get anymore updates from the State. The updated summary guide has been added to our Facebook page [Purdue Extension-Fulton County 4-H Clubs](#) and our website extension.purdue.edu/county/fulton/4h/enrollment1.

PREMISE ID

If you are in need of a Premise ID to sign up for livestock, go to the BOAH website at www.in.gov/boah.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Pork Producer's Scholarship due by April 15, 2023. Pick up applications from your school counselor.

4-H QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE PROGRAM

In order to be eligible to show livestock at the county and state fair, youth must complete the new Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program which will only be available in person at \$3.00 per person. If you are planning on attending any Open Livestock Shows (in state or out of state) you will still need to do the Youth Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training which is only available online. It is \$12 but you can contact our office for a \$3 coupon while supplies last. Whichever you choose to do it must be done and reported to the Extension Office by July 5 to be able to show at our fair AND YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO DO ONE, EITHER INDIANA QUALITY LIVESTOCK CARE OR YQCA.

4-H 3 RING NOTEBOOKS

We have a limited number of 4-H 3 ring binders in the office for Free. If you want one, please stop in the office.

ANNUAL 4-H FISH FRY

The annual 4-H Council Fish and Tenderloin Fry is Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. It is Drive Through Only. Tickets are \$12.00 each and will be available at the door. Tickets will be available to pick up from the office and presell. Contact the office if you want tickets.

RAISE MONEY FOR 4-H FROM THE GROCERIES YOU'RE ALREADY BUYING!

Several years ago, Kroger's gave us an opportunity to earn money for 4-H simply by buying groceries! You need to register online and then every time you swipe your Kroger Plus card or put in your phone number a percentage of that goes to Fulton County 4-H and doesn't cost you a thing or affect your points for gas. Every month we receive approximately \$100 from this and we have less than 75 families signed up.

Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com your Kroger Plus card with the Fulton County 4-H Council.

Click on **Sign in**

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on your favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.

You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link in the email.

Click on **My Account** and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

Click on **Edit Kroger Community Rewards** information and put in your Kroger Plus card number.

Enter NPO number: **63595**

If you don't have your Kroger card and use your phone number instead you can call 800-574-4377, option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Thank you for helping to support the Fulton County 4-H Program simply by going Krogering!

FULTON COUNTY COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Completion Incentive. These are based upon the 4-H program year of **October 1-September 30**. The completion incentive **will be distributed into the 529 account by November 30, following the most recently completed 4-H year**. These awards are not cumulative. A member may qualify for a single level, based upon their level of involvement. Incentives will be based upon tracking by Club Leaders and Fairground Cleanup Supervisors.

Point sheets must be turned in by September 1 deadline in order to be eligible for Promise dollars. This gives you time to add any projects taken to State Fair. Cleanups, workshops, including Dog, Electric, H & P, animal workshops, YQCA, and tractor practices are all included in things you can earn points for.

Step by Step Guide for Families:

- ✓ Open each 4-H member a 529 college savings account at:

www.collegechoicedirect.com/home/ymca/promise.html

- ✓ It only takes approximately 10 minutes to open the account online. You will need to have available:
 - Account owner's birthday and social security number (owner is typically a parent or guardian).
 - Account beneficiary's birthdate and social security number (beneficiary is the 4-H member). If you cannot find the SSN of the beneficiary, please contact Betty Martens at 574-835-9484. More than one beneficiary can be added under the same account.
 - You can start an account **with \$10 or more**. However, if this is not possible, at the time, please **click "PAY BY CHECK."** **The Fulton County Promise funds will start the account with a \$25 Incentive Deposit. All accounts started qualify for this Incentive Deposit.**
 - Once it's opened you can add to it any time, birthdays, Christmas, etc.
- ✓ Review the list of Completion Incentives with your member and help them set a goal for which level they wish to achieve.
- ✓ Get to work on those 4-H projects and take full advantage of all the program has to offer!
- ✓ Watch your college savings grow! Those who earn a completion incentive will automatically see that money deposited into their 529 College Savings Account by the end of November.
- ✓ Have questions or need assistance? Contact:

Extension Office at 574-223-3397 or

Betty Martens at 574-835-9484 or

betty.m.promise@fultoncounty.com

**This past 4-H year, 2022, 55 students qualified earning a total of \$1815 in incentives!
Another 57 students qualified for a total of \$1820 but they do not have Promise 529
accounts set up at this time!**

**FULTON COUNTY COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVES
A NOTE FROM THE 4-H COUNCIL. . .**

In cooperation with **PROMISE FULTON COUNTY**, the 4-H COUNCIL has established this program to provide financial incentives for project completion and involvement. The chart below explains the incentives which are attainable each year, based upon grade level.

The 4-H program has always strived to provide our members opportunities to be college and career ready after high school. In that spirit, these incentives will be in the form of contributions to a **529 COLLEGE CHOICE DIRECT SAVINGS ACCOUNT**. These tax advantageous accounts are a great tool for families to save for any post high school program—including trade schools, community college, 2– and 4– year traditional colleges.

FULTON COUNTY PROMISE has assisted Fulton County families opening 529 accounts for over 550 students since 2016. The total investment between families and community dollars has been nearly \$55,000 in just two years!

We know the mere existence of an account regardless of the balance, increases by 3 times the chances of a child ENROLLING in a post high school course of study. It also increases by 4 times the chances of the child COMPLETING the course of study. Think of this program as a 4-H scholarship which could add up to nearly \$500 during a member’s 4-H career.

Grade	Requirements	\$
3-6	BRONZE · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	\$15
3-6	SILVER · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th · Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup	\$25
3-6	GOLD · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th · Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup · Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop (4-H Camp, Spark Club, Electric Workshop, Dog Workshop, YQCA, H & P clinics, Other advertised county workshop)	\$40
7-12	BRONZE · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	\$20
7-12	SILVER · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th · Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup	\$40

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4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them?
Why do we use them both?

4-H Online

FairEntry

Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Organization of Fair Results
- Livestock show bills and Livestock sale information

When?

From start to end of the program year: October through September.

When?

Fair Season: Typically May through early August

Where?

<https://v2.4honline.com/>

Where?

<https://fultoncounty.fairentry.com>

Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments
To get accurate information for Livestock Shows and Sale

Here is a better understanding on why we use both 4-H online and FairEntry.

