

Hello 4-H Families,

The week ahead in 4-H:

Saturday, 5/11 4-H Mini Barnyard Shenanigan's and Sheep Shearing, Lowell, 1:00 pm

Saturday, 5/11 Hammond Explorers 4-H Club Meeting, Hammond, 1:00 pm

Saturday, 5/11 Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC), Crown Point, 1:00 pm

Monday, 5/13 4-H Livestock Judging Team Practice, Hebron, 6:00 pm

Monday, 5/13 4-H Ambassadors Interviews, Crown Point, 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 5/14 4-H Dog Training, Crown Point, 6:00 pm

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Wednesday, 5/15 4-H Sewing Club, Crown Point, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, 5/15 4-H Livestock Judging Team Practice, Hebron, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, 5/15 Animal identification Due (4-H Online)

Wednesday, 5/15 IRS Form 990 e-Postcards/IRS 990 Series Form Due

Friday, 5/17 Rockin' Clovers 4-H Club Meeting, St. John, 6:00 pm

Saturday, 5/18 4-H Veterinary Science Project Tour of St. John Animal Clinic, St. John, 12:30 pm

Sunday, 5/19 Griffith Grinners 4-H Club Meeting, Griffith, 2:00 pm

Sunday, 5/19 Prime Beefmakers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 2:00 pm

Sunday, 5/19 Prairie Pioneers 4-H Club Meeting, Lowell, 4:00 pm

Sunday, 5/19 RPF 4-H Club Meeting, Crown Point, 5:00 pm

See the complete Lake County 4-H Calendar and more at

<https://extension.purdue.edu/county/lake/media/lake-county-4-h.html>. If you are in need of accommodations to attend a program, please contact the Extension Educators at least 14 days prior to the meeting at 219-755-3240.

Announcements:

May 15 is almost here! To be eligible for the Lake County Fair and/or the Indiana State Fair, all Beef and Dairy Cattle, Goats, Horses, Sheep, and Swine must be identified in 4-H Online by May 15.

Club Leaders, IRS Form 990s are also due May 15. Please remember to send a copy of your filing confirmation to Roz.

Registration due May 10! <https://zoo6-2-24.4honline.com> 4-H Small Animals Spark Club: Learn about animals at the Washington Park Zoo, 115 Lake Shore Drive, Michigan City, on Sunday, June 2. We will meet at the zoo at 11:00 am. Please bring \$6 per person plus \$4 per vehicle for parking fee (CASH ONLY-- EXACT CHANGE PLEASE). Our educational program will last approximately 25 minutes, then families may stay and enjoy the zoo. Questions? Contact Sharon Harris 219-613-7790.

Tractor Project Update: Lake County will not have a 4-H Tractor Contest this year, but members do have the option of participating in the Area X event on June 8 at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds. Please see the attached flyer.

Electric Project Update: A limited number of Electric project kits (extension cord and magnetic flashlight) are still available for purchase at the Extension Office. Kits can be ordered directly from <http://www.eeinabox.com/>. More information is available on the Indiana 4-H website <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/4-h-project-electric.html> (under "Other" tab).

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4-H Camp – Grades 3rd – 6th Last Call for Sign-Ups! Deadline – May 15th

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your child to make new friends, learn valuable skills, and create lifelong memories at Camp Mack in Milford, IN. We will be camping with three other counties, Lake, LaPorte, Porter, & Starke. Reserve your spot today by registering in 4-H Online: <https://24quadcocampers.4honline.com> Drop your \$25 deposit off at the Extension Office as soon as possible. Please make checks payable to Purdue University. Don't wait, space is limited. If your deposit has not been paid and submitted to the office by May 15th, you will be **REMOVED** from the list.

State 4-H Round-Up is an exciting opportunity offered to youth who have completed grades 7, 8, and 9. Attendees have an opportunity to explore a variety of careers by attending classes created just for Round-Up attendees at Purdue University. Participants will get a taste of college life and will live in a Purdue Residence Hall for two nights. Youth have an opportunity to meet others from across the state and further develop their leadership skills. Recreation events are planned in the evenings and blocks of free time allow attendees the opportunity to build friendships on their own.

Registration for all state trips and workshops are due May 15. PLEASE NOTE you will need to contact Roz at the Extension Office so that she can begin processing your registration in 4-H Online and submit the \$25 deposit to the Extension Office. That way you do not have to pay the full price (if members pay the \$25, Lake County 4-H will cover the rest of the cost). Checks made payable to Purdue University. After you've contacted Roz and submitted the fee, you will complete your registration through 4-H Online. Please contact the office if you need assistance.

Final In-Person QLC IN-PERSON TRAINING – Saturday, May 11, 2024 1:00 PM Extension Office. LAST DAY TO REGISTER at <https://LakeCtyQLCMay11.4honline.com>.

Lake County 4-H Junior Leaders in collaboration with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Phi Omega Chapter of Gary, IN, will be hosting their very first Blood Drive through American Red Cross on Friday, June 7th between 12 – 5 pm at the Purdue Extension Office. The Junior Leaders are so excited about this Community Unity, Giving Life, Giving Hope event. Please share the attached flyer and sign-up link to donate. You must be 16+ to donate, but all are welcome to join. <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=4H>.

Poultry members - June 8th and the potluck/workshop at the Buckley Homestead maintenance barn is quickly approaching. We will be meeting 11-3, the poultry barn will supply chicken and paper products. Please bring a dish large enough to share and drinks. All that being said, I need a head count so I can order chicken by June 1st. Call or text Patti Nichols to RSVP 219-306-7845. We will be covering a lot of new information and have handouts suitable for logbooks. Please plan to attend.

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