

# 2026 Pre-Fair Activities, 4-H Judging & Fair Week Schedule

(Subject to change)

## PRE-FAIR ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, June 27

**TBA** Fayette County Free Fair Queen Contest- Expo Hall

### Friday, July 24

**8:00 a.m.** 4-H Ag Tractor /Lawn & Garden Tractor Operators Contest in Rush County

### Saturday, July 11

**10:00 a.m.** 4-H Dog Show (Obedience & Showmanship) – Expo Hall

### Sunday, July 12

**1:00 p.m.** 4-H Cat Show – Expo Hall

### Thursday, July 16

**5:00 p.m.** Set-up Expo Hall, Show Arena, and Livestock Barns (Except Rabbit & Poultry – see below)

### Saturday, July 18

**10:00 a.m.** Open Class Beef Show – Memorial Showplace Arena

## JUDGING WEEK

### Monday, July 20

**8a.m. – 10 a.m.** 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall (*Exhibits entered after 10:00 a.m. are considered late*)

**10:30 a.m.** Project Judging begins.

Aerospace	Ag Tractor (Non-Driving)	And My World
Beekeeping	Computer	Corn
Electric	Entomology	Forestry
Genealogy	Geology	Hay & Forages
Health	Photography	Radio
Science Fair	Shooting Sports	Small Engines
Soil & Water Conservation	Soybeans	Sports
Sport Fishing	Veterinary Science	Weather
Wheat	Wildlife	

### Tuesday, July 21

**8a.m. – 10 a.m.** 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall (*Exhibits entered after 10:00 a.m. are considered late*)

**10:30 a.m.** Project Judging begins.

Basketry	Child Development	Construction & Architectural Replica
Construction Toys	Fine Arts	Gift Wrapping
Home Environment	Leathercraft	Misc. Crafts
Model Building	Needlecraft	Painted Ceramics
Pottery	Scrapbooking	Wood Finishing
Woodworking		

### Wednesday, July 22

**8 a.m. – 10 a.m.** 4-H Exhibits Due in Expo Hall (*Exhibits entered after 10:00 a.m. are considered late*)

**10:30 a.m.** Project Judging begins.

Animal Education	Cake Decorating	Consumer Clothing Books
Consumer Education	Floriculture	Food Preparation
Food Preservation	Garden	Microwave Cooking
Sewing/Non-Wearable		

**Noon-1 p.m.** Residential Rockers & CRF First Choice (FLASH) 4-H Club exhibits due

### Thursday, July 23

**9 a.m. – 10 a.m.** 4-H Exhibits Due at CHS Auditorium (*Exhibits entered after 10:00 a.m. are late*)

**10:30 a.m.** Project Judging begins.

Communications	Consumer Clothing	Fashion Revue
Sewing/Wearable		

**10:30 a.m. Judging Information: Verbal Communications, Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue, and Sewing Wearables Fashion Revue**

- Judging order and times for **Verbal Communications, Consumer Clothing Fashion Revue, and Sewing Wearables Fashion Revue** will be released on the **Monday of project judging**. Judging schedules and order will be determined based on enrollment numbers for each project area.
- Extension staff will collect all Communications projects after judging and transport them to the Expo Hall.
- **Consumer Clothing notebooks are due in the Expo Hall during Wednesday project check-in** to help streamline judging on Thursday.
- **All exhibitors will take their clothing home** following judging in preparation for the 4-H Awards Program.
- **Consumer Clothing notebooks** will be collected by Extension Staff after judging.

**7:00 p.m.** 4-H Awards Program – Connersville High School Auditorium  
(4-H Fashion Review, 4-H Verbal Communications Project, Grand Champion Awards, Ten Year/Senior Awards, Other Awards)

- *All Sewing Wearable and Consumer Clothing projects must be returned to Extension Staff following the program for transport to Expo Hall.*

### Friday, July 24

**8:00-10:00 a.m.** All Mini 4-H Exhibits Due (except show animals) in Expo Hall. *See final page of this project book for additional details.*

**5:00-9:00 p.m.** 4-H Swine unloaded, weighed & penned

**5:00-9:00 p.m.** Goats unloaded, weighed & penned (Sheep Barn)

**5:00 p.m.** Set-up Poultry and Rabbit Barns

**6:00 p.m.** Extension Homemakers set-up.

# FAIR WEEK

## Saturday, July 25

- 7:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Sheep unloaded, weighed & penned (Sheep Barn)
- 7:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Turkey, Poultry & Waterfowl caged
- 7:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbits penned in assigned cages
- 7:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Beef Cattle weighed and stalled (Beef exhibitor meeting at 10:00 a.m.)
- 7:00-10:00 a.m. 4-H Dairy Cattle must be stalled
- 9:00-11:00 a.m. Extension Homemakers judging in Expo Hall. Set up displays after judging.
- 2:00 p.m. Open Class Swine Showmanship – Memorial Showplace Arena
- 4:00 p.m. Open Class Swine Breeding Show–Memorial Showplace Arena
- Open Class Swine Barrow Show to start immediately after

## Sunday, July 26

- 2:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public
- 2:00 p.m. Fayette County Free Fair Parade
- 6:00 p.m. Horse & Pony Contesting – Horse & Pony Arena
- 8:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

## Monday, July 27

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Show- Horse & Pony Arena
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Goat Show – Memorial Showplace Arena
- 12:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public
- 5:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show – Memorial Showplace Arena
- 6:00-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction
- 8:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

## Tuesday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. Mini & 4-H Poultry & Waterfowl – Poultry Barn
- 12:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public
- 12:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show – Memorial Showplace Arena
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Showmanship, Grand Drive & Awards - Memorial Showplace Arena
- 6:00-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena
- 8:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milking Contest Begins
- 8:00p.m. Expo Hall Closes

## Wednesday, July 29

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Cow/Calf Pairs & Feeder Calves must be on fairgrounds
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Show – Rabbit Show Arena
- 12:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Show - Memorial Showplace Arena
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show - Memorial Showplace Arena
- \*State Fair Animals **ONLY** – released 1 hour after completion of 4-H Beef Grand Drive. Must be in presence of Animal Director.
- 12:00 p.m. Expo Hall open to public
- 6:00-8:45 p.m. 4-H Support Group Silent Auction
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena
- 8:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy Goat Milking Contest Ends
- 8:00 p.m. Expo Hall closes

### **Thursday, July 30**

- 10:00 a.m.** Open Class Sheep Show - Memorial Showplace Arena  
**12:00 p.m.** Expo Hall open to public  
**5:30 p.m.** Supreme Showmanship Judges Meeting – Memorial Showplace Arena  
**6:00 p.m.** Bill Grubbs Memorial Supreme Showmanship Contest – Memorial Showplace Arena  
**6:00-8:45 p.m.** 4-H Support Group Silent Auction  
**7:00 p.m.** 4-H Horse and Pony Games – Horse & Pony Arena  
**8:00 p.m.** Expo Hall closes  
**10:00 p.m.** All 4-H Livestock/Animals Released with Directors Approval

### **Friday, July 31**

- 12:00 p.m.** Expo Hall open to public  
**6:00 p.m.** 4-H Livestock Sale – Memorial Showplace Arena  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Extension Homemakers project check out.  
**8:00 p.m.** Expo Hall closes

### **Saturday, August 1**

- 8:00 a.m.** Clean-up 14 Acres (All 4-H members expected to help). 4-H pen cleaning slips will be given at this time from animal Directors.  
**9:00-11:00 a.m.** All Exhibits released from Expo Hall  
4-H Members turn in completed & signed 4-H Green Record Book & receive premium money. (Livestock exhibitors must show pen cleaning slips signed by animal Directors.

### **Monday, August 3**

- 9:30 a.m.** State Fair projects due in Extension Office



## **The 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

## FAYETTE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Purdue Extension is responsible for 4-H within the state of Indiana. Purdue Extension collaborates with the county 4-H affiliates (4-H Council) for developing 4-H programming and procedures for County 4-H programs, fairs, and events. These procedures must be consistent with Purdue Extension's 4-H policies and procedures. 4-H Extension Educators are placed in the county by Purdue University to work and communicate with local affiliates and volunteers and ensure that state and national 4-H policies are followed.

Local 4-H program and fair procedures must be in compliance with, and will not supersede, state and national 4-H policies and procedures; however, fairs may design local classes and events that enhance the educational mission of the 4-H program.

It is the policy of 4-H to be an inclusive organization. No county policy or practice should be used to arbitrarily exclude youth from either membership or participation. Youth should participate in 4-H Youth Development opportunities at levels and times that best suit the youth's development and support family involvement.

**Membership-** Youth are considered Mini 4-H Members in grades K-2. Mini 4-H provides opportunities for youth to get a taste of traditional 4-H without the judging aspect, but rather the participation and experience. Youth may become Traditional 4-H members when they enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and may continue their membership through the completion of grade 12. Each individual may continue membership for a maximum of 10 consecutive years. Exception: (1) Youth who enroll in grade 3 are advanced academically (thus graduating early) may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years; (2) Those youth who are academically advanced and "skip" 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, may begin the program as a 4<sup>th</sup> grader and may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years; (3) Those youth who enroll in grade 3 and are retained a grade in public school may continue to progress through the 4-H program by adding subsequent years of participation, but MAY NOT exceed 10 years of participation. For example, if a member is retained one year in public school, their final year of 4-H membership would conclude the summer following the junior year of high school; (4) Those youth who entered the program in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and for one reason or another leave formal education prior to the completion of 12<sup>th</sup> grade may continue for a total of 10 years ONLY if the enrollment occurs in consecutive years. NOTE: 10 years of membership in the 4-H Youth Development is an opportunity- not an entitlement. Those youth who do not enroll as a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student or meet the exceptions above, conclude their involvement with the program during the summer immediately following the completion of the senior year in high school. 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/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. Opportunities in the 4-H program are available to all Indiana youth as defined regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression or disability. The Indiana 4-H Youth Development program year is October 1 to September 30 annually. Individual 4-H enrollment is an annual process attained by completing individual 4-H enrollment via the 4-H Online enrollment process.

**Residence-** Indiana youth typically enroll in 4-H in the county and/or state in which they reside. However, individuals living in one county may join 4-H in another county as determined by county policy. There must be educational or social reasons for an individual joining 4-H in a different county other 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 4-H Extension Educator in consultation with the State 4-H Office. Participation in 4-H related activities and events (i.e., judging, performing arts, auction) 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 member and families who are unwilling to follow the terms and/or conditions and/or 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 4-H Educators in the receiving county in consultation with the State 4-H Office.