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# Hendricks County 4-H Newsletter

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## Welcome New 4-H Members

If this is your first time participating in the Hendricks County 4-H program as a member, welcome to the program! The 4-H Youth Staff hopes that you will find your 4-H experience fun and fulfilling.

WELCOME

Participating in any program for the first time can be exciting and overwhelming. There are many 4-H members and volunteers that have experienced this feeling in the past and can offer help to the first-time participant.

Please seek their help if you have questions. You may also contact the Hendricks County Purdue Extension Office for assistance. Our number is 317-745-9260.

All new 4-H families should plan to attend the **First Year 4-H Family Orientation**. Two dates are available for your convenience, however, you only need to attend one session. This event will be held on **March 20th or May 15th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium** at the Fairgrounds. You will receive more information on being involved in the 4-H program

## Animal ID Day – March 24th

March 24th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at the fairgrounds. All **Steers and Commercial Heifers** intended to be brought to the 2007 Hendricks County Fair need to be identified by the 4-H Beef Superintendent on this date. Forms will be mailed to you. Please bring your forms with you on ID day.



**State 4-H Livestock Enrollment Forms for Steers & Commercial Heifers are due in the Extension Office by April 1.**

## Officer's Training – April 12th

If you have been elected as an Officer in your 4-H Club, plan to attend Officer's Training to help you understand what to do for your office.

4-H Volunteer Leaders and/or Junior Leaders are needed to teach each office at the workshop. Please contact Becky Daily if you would like to instruct one of the classes. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



## Ag Day – April 11th



Each year all fourth grade classes in Hendricks County are invited to participate in an educational experience about how agriculture effects their everyday lives. Approximately 1500 4th grade students will get the opportunity to see and touch various animals and learn about their by-products. This experience is put on by over 150 volunteers, including Jr. Leaders, FFA, 4-H members, Horse & Pony Leadership, Farm Bureau, Extension Office Staff and community volunteers. This year's Ag Day is scheduled for **April 11th** at the Fairgrounds.

**4-H members wanting to assist with Ag Day must be in grades 8 or above and be involved in Jr. Leaders, FFA or Horse & Pony Leadership. If you are chosen to help with Ag Day, you will receive a letter in the mail explaining the day and your assignment.**

## Share The Fun – April 19th

Start practicing for the 2007 Hendricks County Share the Fun Contest! This year's contest will be held on Thursday, **April 19th at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium**. The top act from each of the three categories will advance to the Area VI Share The Fun Contest in Marion County on April 26th.

The categories consist of: Curtain (Musical), Curtain (Non-Musical) and Group. Entry forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, April 13th.

An entry form is included in this newsletter.

This is your chance to show Hendricks County what you got!!



## 4-H Camp – June 17-19th



4-H Camp is a special learning and fun activity at Shakamak State Park. 4-H members will participate in a variety of outdoor educational experiences and Challenge Education activities. Hendricks County 4-H'ers will camp with Clay, Montgomery, Sullivan and Vigo counties.

**Audience:** All 4-H members who are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades by January of the current year.

**Cost:** Approximately \$60.00 - the 4-H Youth Council will provide bus transportation as well as Counselor and Leader fees. Reservation deadline is May 1.

**Applications will be mailed to all eligible 4-Hers at the end of March.**

## 4-H Round Up - June 25-27th



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**Purdue University**

Each year we encourage first year 4-H Junior Leaders to attend Round Up at Purdue University. The 2007 4-H Round Up will be **June 25-27th**. If you are a 4-H Junior Leader completing the 7th or 8th grade this year, we highly encourage your participation in 4-H Round Up. This event is a 3 day career exploration workshop for 4-H'ers considering a specific career. It also provides 4-H members with a wide variety of sessions to choose from if you are uncertain on what you want to study in college. 4-H'ers will be joined by hundreds of other 4-H members from all around Indiana for fun and a series of enjoyable learning experiences. Transportation and fees are provided by the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council.

**Applications will be mailed to eligible 4-H members in April.**

## 4-H Ambassadors

The 4-H Ambassadors visited 17 different elementary schools in Hendricks County during the week of February 5th. They spoke to grades 3, 4, and 5 about 4-H and promoted the Enrollment Fair. Their hard work was appreciated and well received by the elementary students. We look forward to an increased enrollment in 4-H this year. Great Job spreading the word about 4-H!

The Ambassadors next initiatives are to spread the word about 4-H to the community. They will have a booth at several upcoming community events! They will also be partnering with the Brownsburg Public Library to help with their reading program. Applications for 2007 4-H Ambassador will be accepted in the fall.. Watch the upcoming newsletters for more information on applications.

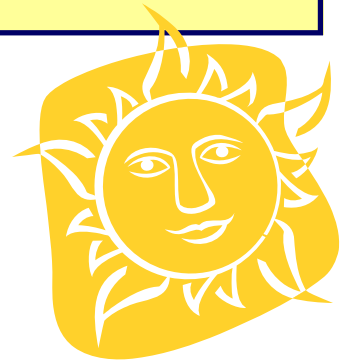


## Summer Job Opportunity

The Hendricks County Extension Office is looking for former 4-H members who are currently enrolled in college to apply for the position of 4-H Summer Assistant.

The Extension Office will be accepting applications until **April 20th**. No late applications will be accepted. Interviews for candidates of the position will follow the April 20th deadline.

If interested, please stop by the Extension Office to pick up an application or email Kimberly Reid at [kdreid@purdue.edu](mailto:kdreid@purdue.edu) to request an application by email.



## Scholarship Announcements

Congratulations to three Hendricks County 4-H members who have been asked to participate in interviews to determine the scholarship recipients for the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarships. Those chosen include: Hannah McNeely for Citizenship and Leadership, Jenna Jarvis for Sewing/Fashion Review, and Levi McNeely for Expressive Arts and Natural Resources. These finalists must prepare a 2-3 minute speech describing 2 or 3 life skills they have gained through 4-H and how they will apply to their future career plans. Each finalist will then be interviewed for 3-4 minutes by a panel of judges. Interviews will be held on Saturday, March 17th at Purdue University. We wish these individuals the best of luck!!



## Mini 4-H



If you are interested or know someone who would be interested in being a Mini 4-H Leader, please contact Kimberly Reid at the Extension Office at 745-9260. We are looking for about 5 volunteers to organize a Mini 4-H Club. Three individuals have already been secured, but there is room for more! The involvement would include helping plan an organize 2 meetings for Mini 4-H members to attend in the months of May and June.

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## *Calendar of Upcoming Events*

### MARCH

1	4-H Enrollment Form Due Date	Extension Office	before 4:00 pm
1	4-H Camp Counselor Applications due	Extension Office	before 4:00 pm
17	4-H Accomplishment Scholarship Interviews	Purdue University	All Day
20	First Year Family Orientation	Conference Room A	7:00 pm
24	Steers & Commercial Heifer ID	Fairgrounds	9:00 – Noon
24-29	National 4-H Conference	Washington D.C.	All Day
28	4-H Leader's Training	Conference Room B	6:30 pm
30	Geranium Orders Due	Extension Office	before 4:00 pm

### APRIL

1	State 4-H Livestock Enrollment Forms Due (Steers & Commercial Heifers)	Extension Office	Before 4:00 pm
6	Good Friday - Extension Office Closed	Extension Office	All Day
11	Ag Day	Fairgrounds	All Day
12	Officers Training	Auditorium	7:00 pm
13	Share The Fun Entry Forms due – County	Extension Office	Before 4:00 pm
19	Share The Fun - County	Auditorium	7:00 pm
20	Share The Fun Entry Forms due - Area	Extension Office	before 4:00 pm
26	Share The Fun - Area	Chapel Hill Center in Marion County	6:30 PM

### MAY

1	4-H Round Up Applications Due	Extension Office	Before 4:00 pm
5	Geranium Pick Up for Club Sales & Open Sales	Small Animal Pavilion	9:00 – Noon
8	Primary Elections - Extension Office Closed	Extension Office	All Day
12	Sheep & Goat ID	Fairgrounds	9:00 am - Noon
12	Start Calf ID	Fairgrounds	9:00 am - Noon
15	State 4-H Livestock Enrollment Forms Due (Sheep, Swine, H&P, and Registered Heifers)	Extension Office	Before 4:00 pm
15	Demonstration & Public Speaking Workshop	Conference Room	7:00 pm
15	First Year Family Orientation	Auditorium	7:00 pm
22	Mini 4-H Orientation Night	Conference Room	6:30 pm
25	4-H Camp Registration Deadline	Extension Office	before 4:00 pm
28	Memorial Day - Extension Office Closed	Extension Office	All Day

## *Upcoming Workshops for 4-H Members*

### Photography:

March 22	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds—Conference A&B	Focus on beginner photography members
April 26	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds -Conference A&B	How to take good pictures
May 26	10:00 am	McCloud Park	Field Meeting on Nature. Bring camera
June 21	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds -Conference A&B	Critique of pictures taken. Advise given
July 12	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds -Conference A&B	Q&A. Final review before fair
October 20	10:00 am	McCloud Park	Field Meeting on Autumn Shots. Bring camera

### Public Speaking:

May 9	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds—Conference B	Action Demonstrations
May 15	7:00 pm	Fairgrounds—Conference B	Demonstration & Public Speaking