Calendar of events  (Dates are tentative and subject to change)

**June**

- **10**  Unit 25 Tractor Driving Contest 8 AM @ Edwards County fairgrounds
- **11**  Town & County 4-H Club meeting—3PM at the Quail Club
- **15**  Deadline for Farm Bureau Food Drive—get your cereal and canned foods in to the Farm Bureau.
- **17**  Hi-Flyers 4-H Club meeting—9:00 AM at the Farm Bureau
- **17**  Allendale Twisters 4-H Club meeting—9:30 AM at the Price residence.
- **19**  Extension Office Closed in observance of Juneteenth Holiday
- **24**  Swine Workshop - 10 AM at Wabash County Fairgrounds

**July**

- **4**  Extension Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- **7**  Wabash/Lawrence combined Horse Show - 4 PM @ Red Hill State Park Horse Arena
- **8**  Fair Clean Up Day - 8 AM at Fairgrounds
- **14**  Dog & Cat Show - starting at 6 PM
- **15**  General Project, Food and Clothing Show - Check-in starts at 8 AM, show starts at 8:30
- **15-21** FAIR WEEK! See calendar of events in newsletter

**August**

- **12**  Wabash County day at the State Fair
Important Information:

- Every 4-H'er will be required to attend FOUR 4-H meetings this year, by July 1, in order to show at the fair. This can be club meetings or workshops that the extension office hosts. Please contact Logan if you have any questions.

- Please make sure to check the Wabash County 4-H showbook/handbook for specific details that you may need for many of your projects, especially General Projects, Food and Clothing.

- Remember to read your Wabash County 4-H showbook/handbook for information about the 4-H Code of Conduct, Tips for a Successful Show, 4-H Show Attire, and much more. If you didn’t get a showbook from your club leader, stop by the Extension office or they are available online at https://go.illinois.edu/WabashFairBook2023

- **THOSE SHOWING POULTRY** - You are required to have a pullorum test done before you can show your animal. We are working with the Jr. Fair Board to set up a day for all poultry to be tested. We will notify poultry exhibitors directly when we have the date/time set.

- **There is a change to the Fair Schedule!** —The Pee Wee Showmanship and Master Showmanship show will now be on **Wednesday, July 19th**. The Pee Wee Show will start at 6:00 PM (registration will start at 5) and the Master Showmanship show will begin at 7:00 PM.

The Horse Show for Wabash and Lawrence counties will be combined this year and held on Friday, July 7, starting at 4 PM, at the Red Hill State Park Horse Arena. If you aren’t familiar with where the arena is, it is on IL Rt 250, just east of the south entrance to Red Hill State Park in Sumner.

Once again ALL 4-H members are required to wear a properly fitted horse helmet whenever mounted or driving at all 4-H horse & pony events, shows, activities, or practices. Hel-met policies apply to all county, area, and state 4-H horse and pony events. If you are mounted on a horse you must have a helmet on.
Livestock Check-in

All Livestock must be on the grounds by 2 pm Sunday, July 16th. With Weigh in beginning at 2:30 pm.

The Check in Process will go as follows:

- We will start with Swine- exhibitors must be present to weigh in their pigs. We will be going down the rows of the swine barn. More direction to come day of.
- Once all the pigs are weighed-in we will move to sheep, then goats, and then steers.
- You will lead them to the show arena when instructed to do so.
- At the conclusion of the large livestock, we will check in the poultry and rabbits.

Once you have weighed in your animal you will find our table set up in the show arena.

What do I need to bring with me?

- Record Book(s)
- Registration papers (If you are showing in a purebred class)
- Health papers
- Knowledge of the exact classes you will be in (if you have "scratches" this will be the time you will let us know)

Master Showmanship

This event is open to any Wabash County 4-H livestock member that is between the ages of 14 and 18 as of September 1, 2022. The youth will be showing a beef cow, a sheep, and a pig. You will be judged on your showmanship skills. Youth will be required to find a fellow 4-H member to let them barrow their animal for this if you do not show one of the animals listed above. However, Logan can help guide you in the right direction if you need help. The winner will then advance to the IL State Fair where they will represent Wabash County!

Sign-up for this event will be Sunday, July 16th during check-in.

Pee Wee Show

This event will be open to youth ages 5-8. They will be partnering up with older 4-H members to show a pig, sheep, and goat. We will run it like a show where we have a "judge" that will interact with them. This is a fun way for them to get some hands-on experience before they get their own animals.

The event will take place Wednesday, July 19th at 6:00 PM. Sign-up will start at 5 pm.

This event will be hosted by the Wabash County Farm Bureau Young Leaders
Wabash County 4-H will host a Swine Workshop on Saturday, June 24 at the Wabash County Fairgrounds livestock arena starting at 10:00 am. (Attendees do NOT need to bring an animal to the workshop.) This will be a hands on learning experience for kids who are wanting to learn more advanced strategies for show pig preparation and showmanship. You can register at https://go.illinois.edu/wabashswineworkshop

Fair Extras:

Farm Bureau Fair Shirts
- All 4-H members that will be showing at fair will be receiving a free shirt thanks to Wabash County Farm Bureau & the Wabash County Country Financial Agents.
- If you would like to purchase extra shirts for leaders, parents, family member, etc., you can do so by using this link: https://go.illinois.edu/WCFBfairshirt2023

Princess/Queen Contest
- Deadline to enter is July 1st.
- Open to youth ages 13-19 as of July 14, 2023.
- Applications can be picked up at the extension office or you can contact the coordinator Sydney Kolb (618-240-3906)

Ice Cream Social
- Sunday July 16th @ 6 PM
- Each Club is responsible for providing a cake for the Ice Cream Social

Stall Rent Fees
- Reminder that these are due a week prior to the fair or the fee will double.
- Junior Fair Books are being printed, I will send out an email when those are available for to be picked up.
2023 Edwards & Wabash County Farm Bureau Young Leaders — 4-H Food Drive Challenge

Edwards & Wabash County 4-H club members connect with their family, friends, neighbors, and fellow 4-Hers to collect cereal and canned vegetables for local food pantries. Check with your club leaders for more information.

**Goal:** To supply both the WADI facilities in Edwards & Wabash County Counties food pantries each with over 150 boxes of cereal and over 300 cans of canned vegetables

**Collection Time Frame:** May 1, 2023 until June 15, 2023 - Items can be collected by the club or dropped off at the Wabash County Farm Bureau office, just remember to tell them which club should get credit for the donation.

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**May Canning Workshop:**

We had an exciting Friday evening in Wabash County with our canning workshop! Big thank you to Mary Liz Wright for taking the time to come down and teach these kids.

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**First Year 4-H Members**

Are you new to 4-H? If you are a first time member and having problems following requirements in the showbook/handbook, be sure to ask your leader or call the office. It is better to do things correctly ahead of time than to try to change paperwork on show day. We are here to help you!! Be sure to bring your live-stock records to check-in to be reviewed.
Get your tackle ready! The 2023 **4-H Hooks-Us-Together Statewide Fishing Tournament** will run from April 1 – June, 30 2023. Details on how to register coming later this month!

**April** – Crappie State 4-H Tournament

**May** – Largemouth Bass 4-H State Tournament

**June** – Channel Catfish 4-H State Tournament

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**State Fair National Anthem**

Sing the National Anthem at State Fair! We’d love to hear your voice on the stage representing Illinois 4-H this August. To be considered, please submit your information and a 30 - 60 second singing audition clip using this link: [https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem](https://go.illinois.edu/StateFairAnthem) Please submit by June 15, 2023 and a panel of judges will make a final decision on the winner the following week. Event Details: Need to be available the morning of August 11th, 2023 with transportation to the State Fair Grounds in Springfield. Specific timing details to follow. Must be a 4-H member to audition.

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**Help Improve 4-H: Complete our Teen Survey!**

Illinois 4-H is currently conducting a survey to measure the impact of 4-H on teens. The results will help us improve the program! Teens 13-17 who participated in 4-H in 2022 are invited to participate at [https://go.illinois.edu/4HTeenSurvey](https://go.illinois.edu/4HTeenSurvey). The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Surveys are due May 31!

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**Crop Scouting Competition August 1**

Crop scouting is an important skill for anyone dealing with commercial crops that can lead to higher yields and increased profit per acre. Scouting gives farmers a heads-up about what is happening in the field - from crop growth stages to the presence of insects or weeds - allowing them to strategically apply the best management decisions.

Student teams of 2 to 5 high-school-aged youth with an adult coach rotate through 10 outdoor stations at the University of Illinois South Farm fields to test their skills hands-on with topics such as identifying weeds, insects, and diseases, identifying the growth stages of corn and soybean plants, assessing abiotic injury, pesticide application, and integrated pest management.
Wabash County 4-H and Jr. Fair July 14th-July 22nd

**Friday July 7th**
4:00 pm - 4-H Horse Show @ Red Hill State Park

**Saturday July 8th**
8:00 am - Fair Clean Up Day

**Friday July 14th**
6 pm - 4-H Dog Care Show
7 pm - 4-H Cat Care Show

**Saturday 15th**
8:30 am - 4-H General Project, Food & Clothing Shows
4:00 pm - Jr. Fair Horse Show

**Sunday 16th**
2:30 pm - Livestock Check-in
6 pm - Ice Cream Social & Fair Princess/Queen Crowning

**Monday 17th**
1 pm - Jr. Fair Ag Products Judging
2 pm - Jr. Fair Foods Judging
2:30 pm - Jr. Fair Floriculture Judging
3:30 pm - Jr. Fair Small Animals Show
5 pm - 4-H Rabbit Show
6 pm - Junior Fair Rabbit Show

**Tuesday 18th**
8 am - 4-H Swine Show
4-H Sheep Show following Swine Show
4-H Beef Show following Sheep Show
4-H Dairy Show following Beef Show
1 pm - 4-H Poultry Show
5 pm - Family Fun Night
7 pm - Dodge ball tournament

**Wednesday 19th**
8:30 am - Jr Fair Swine Show
1 pm - Junior Beef Show
3:30 pm - 4-H Goat Show
6:00 pm - Pee Wee Show
7:00 pm - Master Showmanship

**Thursday 20th**
8 am - Jr Sheep Show
4:30 pm - Pork Chop Dinner
6:15 pm - Livestock Auction

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