

2026 Porter County Pre-Fair 4-H Activities

Thursday, July 9th

8:30 - 4:30 pm Consumer Clothing Notebooks and Creative Writing Projects Check-In (*Purdue Extension Office*)

Saturday, July 11th

8 am 4-H Livestock Barn and Exhibit Hall Clean-Up/Set-Up (*Porter County Fairgrounds*)

Sunday, July 12th

8 am 4-H Music Project Performance Judging (*TBD*)

7 pm 4-H Music Project Public Performance (*TBD*)

Tuesday, July 14th

5:30 pm 4-H Verbal Communications Judging (*Expo Center - Patio Room*)

Thursday, July 16th

8:30 - 4:30 pm 4-H Youth Fair Pass and Exhibit Tag Pick Up (*4-H Building Office*)

10 am Consumer Clothing Judging (*Expo Center - Patio Room*)

Friday, July 17th

8 am Sewing & Fashion Revue Judging (*Expo Center*)

8:30 - 4:30 pm 4-H Youth Fair Pass and Exhibit Tag Pick Up (*4-H Building Office*)

7 pm Public 4-H Sewing Fashion Revue (*Expo Center - Patio Room*)

Monday, July 20th

5 - 7:30 pm 4-H Exhibit Building Project Check-In for projects listed below (*South End of 4-H Building*)
(Aerospace, American Heritage, Barbecue Posters, Basket Weaving, Beef Poster, Beekeeping, Bicycle Poster, Cake Decorating, Candles, Cat Poster, Ceramics, Child Development, Collections, Computers, Dairy Cattle Poster, Decorations, Diamond Dots, Dog Poster, Electric, Entomology, Farm Scene, Field Crops, Fine Arts - Drawing & Painting, Fire Safety & Safety, Forestry, Genealogy, Geology, Gift Wrapping, Goat Poster, Health, Holiday Ornaments, Home Environment, Homemade Toys, Horse Poster, Jewelry, Latch Hook, Leadership, Leather, Legos, Llama Poster, Miscellaneous Crafts, Miscellaneous Craft, Miscellaneous Models, Model Airplanes, Model Bridges, Model Cars, Music Poster, Needlework, Photography, Poultry Poster, Rabbits Poster, Recycling, Scrapbooking, Sheep Poster, Shooting Sports, Small Animals Notebooks, Small Engines, Soil & Water Science, Sport Fishing, Swine Poster, Veterinary Science, Weather & Climate Science, Wearable Art, Wildlife, and Woodworking)

Tuesday, July 21st

10 am Beekeeping Judging (*Expo East - Upstairs*)

4:30 pm Mini 4-H Aerospace Check-In (*4-H Building - Enter at NORTH end*)

4:30 pm 4-H Model Airplanes Flight Demonstration (*4-H Building - Exhibitors must be present*)

5 - 7 pm Mini 4-H Exhibit Project Check-In (*4-H Building - Enter at NORTH end*)

6 pm 4-H Aerospace Flight Demonstration (*4-H Building - Exhibitors must be present*)

Wednesday, July 22nd

8 am 4-H Dog Obedience and Showmanship (*Livestock Show Arena*)

9 - 10 am 4-H Container Gardening, Floriculture, and Garden Check-In (*South End of 4-H Building*)

4 - 8 pm 4-H Dairy Goat & Meat Goat Check-In (*Sheep/Goat Barn*)

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Thursday, July 23rd

- 8 am Dog Agility (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 8 - 9 am Aquatic Science & Herpetology Check-In (*4-H Building*)
- 10 am Dairy Cattle Check-In (*Cattle Barn*)
- 1 pm Meat Goat Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 3 pm Draft Horse Show (*Horse Arena*)
- 4 - 8 pm Rabbit Check-In (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 8 pm Dairy Goat Pre-Show Milk Out (*Sheep/Goat Barn*)

Friday, July 24th

- 8 am Dairy Goat Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 8 am Draft Horse Show (*Horse Arena*)
- 8 - 9 am Foods Check-In (*Expo East - Upstairs*)
- 8:30 am Foods Judging (*Expo East - Upstairs*)
- 2 pm Rabbit Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 5 - 8 pm Goat Does Check-Out (*Sheep/Goat Barn*)

Saturday, July 25th

- 9 am Rabbit Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 9 - 12 pm Swine Check-In (*Swine Barn*)
- 10 am Dairy Cattle Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 10 am Draft Horse Show - Release after Show (*Horse Arena*)
- 10 am Open Class Rabbit Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 12 pm Taste of 4-H Foods Auction (*Park Place Pavilion*)
- 2 - 4:30 pm Model Bridge Strength Test (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 3 pm Beef Carcass Check-In (*Cattle Barn*)

Sunday, July 26th

- 7 - 12 pm Horse & Pony Check-In (*Horse Barn*)
- 8 - 11 am Sheep Check-In (*Sheep/Goat Barn*)
- 8 - 12 pm Swine Check-In (*Swine Barn*)
- 12 pm Cat Check-In (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 1 pm Cat Show (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 3 - 5 pm Beef Check-In (*Cattle Barn*)
- 3 - 8 pm Swine Scales Open (*Swine Barn*)
- 6 pm Beef Carcass On Hoof Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)

Monday, July 27th

- 8 am Sheep Show & Lamb Lead (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 11 am Horse & Pony Project Test (*Horse Arena*)
- 1 pm Horse & Pony Trail Classes (*Horse Arena*)
- 2 pm Small Animals Judging (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 5 pm Swine Show (Breeding, Showmanship, Carcass on Hoof) (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 9 - 10 pm Non-Champion Rabbits Released (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)

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Tuesday, July 28th

- 8 am Market Swine Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 10 am Horse & Pony English Classes (*Horse Arena*)
- 11 am Beef Carcass On-Rail Judging (*Butcher Block*)
- 1 - 7 pm Pigeon & Poultry Check-In (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 5 pm Sheep On Rail Carcass Judging (*Sims Meat*)

Wednesday, July 29th

- 8 - 11 am Swine On Rail Judging (*Hanford Packing*)
- 8:30 am Pigeons Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 9 am Poultry Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 9 am Beef Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 10 am Horse & Pony Western Classes (*Horse Arena*)

Thursday, July 30th

- 9 am Poultry Show (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 10 am Horse & Pony Halter Classes (*Horse Arena*)
- 10 am Carcass Awards Program (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 12 pm Introduction to Horses Showmanship and In-Hand Trail Classes (*Horse Arena*)
- 5 pm Celebration Sale (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 6 pm Horse & Pony Versatility Classes (*Horse Arena*)

Friday, July 31st

- 10 am Rooster Crowing Contest (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 10 am Horse & Pony Gaming Events (*Horse Arena*)
- 12:30 pm Youth Livestock Judging Contest Registration (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 1 pm Youth Livestock Judging Contest (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 6:30 pm Master Showman Contest (*Horse Arena & Livestock Show Arena*)
- 10 pm Rabbits Released (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 10 pm All Goats Released (*Sheep/Goat Barn*)

Saturday, August 1st

- 6 - 8 am Poultry Released (*Rabbit/Poultry Barn*)
- 6 - 10 am Beef, Dairy, Sheep, and Swine Released (*Livestock Barns*)
- 8:30 - 11 am Horse & Pony Released (*Horse Barn*)
- 9 - 10 am Aquatic Science and Herpetology Released (*4-H Building*)
- 10 am Barbecue Set-Up (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 10:30 am Barbecue Competition (*Clover Tent - southwest of 4-H Building*)
- 11 am Miniature Equine Check-In (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 12 pm Miniature Equine Show (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 6:30 pm Mini 4-H Graduation (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 7 pm Battle of the Barns with Senior Recognition at Intermission (*Livestock Show Arena*)
- 9 pm Release of all remaining livestock (*Livestock Barns*)

Sunday, August 2nd

- 12 pm Exhibits Selected for State Fair will be loaded for transport (*4-H Building*)
Note: It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to transport large, heavy, or particularly fragile exhibits to the Indiana State Fairgrounds
- 4 - 6 pm 4-H Building Projects Check-Out (*4-H Building*)
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