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4 - H LEADER LINK

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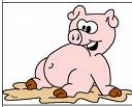
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DATES & DEADLINES

Weigh-Ins • Sheep & Goat-Fairgrounds • State Fair Swine-Crawfordsville Research Farm	May 2
Deadline for: • Livestock 106 Forms • 4-H'ers for 4-H contributions	May 15
State Conference Registration due	May 20
Extension Office-Closed	May 25
Leader's Meeting-7:00 p.m.-Ext. Office	May 27
Deadlines: • Clothing Event-sign-up deadline • State Fair Market Broiler request form • State Horse judging entries	June 1
4-H 1 mile & 5K Run/Walk-6:00 p.m.	June 19
Clothing Event Judging-3:30 p.m.-Extension Office	June 24

COOL & Washington County Fair

All swine, beef, sheep, goats, dairy and poultry are required to obtain documentation required by the USDA to certify Country of Origin Labeling. All affidavits signed at fair time will have a statement on them saying 4-H'er has necessary documentation. A letter will then be given to buyers at the auction informing them the Extension Office has documentation from the 4-H'er certifying Country of Origin Labeling. The Extension Office will NOT need to see actual documentation, it is the responsibility of the 4-H'er to maintain these records as this is a USDA regulation.



Swine Premise ID

Check with your swine exhibitors to make sure they are taking the necessary steps to obtain a Premise ID. This ID is being required by Tyson Fresh Meats in order for swine from county fairs to be sold to them.

If the exhibitor does not have this ID prior to fair, they will be required to take their pigs home following the fair. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

106 Forms

On May 15th all livestock 106 Forms are due. Please make sure all your members have them turned in!

Get your running/walking shoes on!!!

The 1st annual 4-H 1 mile & 5K run/walk will be Friday, June 19th. Whether you, your members & families are beginners, advanced or walkers come out and enjoy an evening on the fairgrounds. It's open to all age groups & all levels of running/walking. What a great way to get members focusing on the 4th H...Health! Do it as a club. The club with the highest participation will receive an award!! Specific information will be coming soon, but get your club members & families motivated and out there building a healthier life & having FUN!

Leader's Meeting

Our next leader's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 27, 7:00 p.m. in the fair board meeting room, upstairs.

This meeting will be pre-fair related information and ways to recruit and retain new members.

This meeting does not count towards the state requirement of trainings, but will have important fair information. Please make effort for at least one club leader to be present.

Please check your attendance records and inform us **prior** to the fair, if any 4-H'ers have not met the guideline of no more than 3 unexcused absences. The only way we know is from you.



The 2009 Washington County Fair will be here before we know it! You can find fair forms and schedule online at www.extension.iastate.edu/washington/info/4h/washingtoncofair.htm.

Check it out!