

2016

MEETING
DATES

- February 1
- March 7
- April 11
- May 2
- June 6
- July 11

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February Meeting

Our next club meeting will be on Monday, February 1st at 7 p.m. in the Sheep/Swine arena. During this meeting will be taking nominations for a queen representative, collecting t-shirt designs and sweat shirt orders. The February skill-a-thon will be presented by Ethan Bontrager, Grace Leer & Brandi Henderson over sheep breeds and body parts. Please watch local channels for cancellations prior to meeting in case of bad weather.



2016 Advisory Board

Members

President: Tim Brubaker

Vice President: Glen Yoder

Secretary: Melody Hickok &
Terry Graber

Treasurers: Kathy Shearer & Jill Miller

Members: Betsy Kelly, Tim Leer, Jerry Homes, Cathy Hoogenboom, Dave Cushwa, Dawn Ernsberger, Gerald Lehman, Dan Hartzler, and Bobby Cutter

Enrollment Deadline

The 2016 Online Enrollment deadline has past. If you have a question about enrolling in 4-H please contact the Elkhart County Purdue Extension Office.

2016 Rule Change

The advisory board has decided to make a change to show order regarding the overweight show animals.

This rule will be considered 4a under the Entry Procedure.

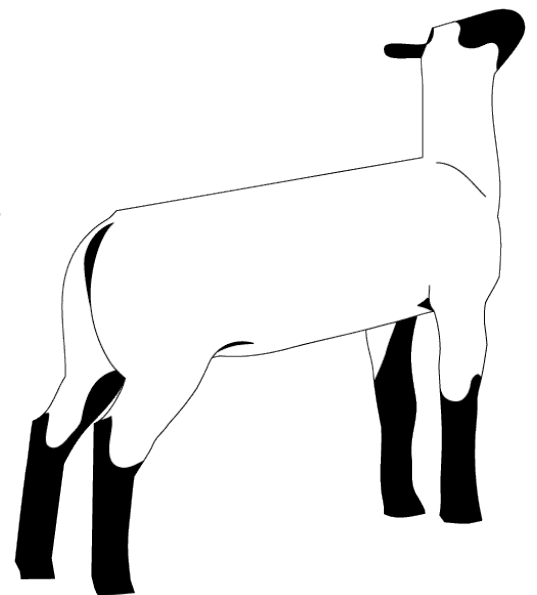
4a. All lambs weighing over 145 lbs. regardless of breed will be shown in a separate overweight class. The lambs showing in this class cannot participate in any championship drive, Grand Championship Drive or Reserve Grand Championship Drive. Overweight lambs cannot participate in any other market classes including Pen of Two.

Skill-A-Thon Topics

This year's skill-a-thon topics are similar to those in years past. In March we are planning to have a guest speaker to speak about nutrition of sheep. April's skill-a-thon, sheep health and withdrawal times, will be presented by Jane Hathaway. In May our skill-a-thon will be about sheep showmanship and judging. This topic will be presented by Ethan Bontrager & Andrea Holdeman. June's skill-a-thon will be presented by Karrin Koontz over meat cuts. The final skill-a-thon will be the financial skill-a-thon that is available online and due by July 1st. Each member has to complete 4 of the skill-a-thons in order to have completed their project.

Farm Tour

We will again be having our annual Farm tour in March. The tour will be hosted by the Dr. Kelly family & Lantis Lane Farm on March 12th from 10 am—1 pm. The farm tour allows you to view other farms who raise sheep year round. It gives you the opportunity to talk with the producers and ask any questions about your project that you may have.



*4-H isn't just
about showing
livestock. It's
about kids
learning to
become self-
sufficient, to
grow into
tomorrow's
leaders.
- Erin Ehnle*

Remind Messages



Last year we began using Remind.com to send text messages regarding meeting and events for the Lamb Club. If you have not yet joined the remind group please do so. This is the best way to get up to date on what is going on with Lamb Club. There is an app you can download or you can simply send a text message to the number below with the code listed below.

Phone Number: 81010

Message: @elkcolc

One random act of kindness per day can change 365 lives each year.

Community Service Projects

This year our club officers have selected two community service projects that we have completed in the past. The first is to help Kate Rink with mulch in June. We also plan to play bingo again at either Greencroft or The Maples in Goshen. We are planning to move our normal bingo time of March to late June.

We will offer the skill-a-thon replacement for one of the community service projects again this year. Therefore you could complete one of the service projects in place of one skill-a-thon.

T-shirt Designs

In February and March we will be collecting designs for the 2016 club t-shirts. The t-shirts will be worn on show and sale days by all club members and advisory board members.

Queen Representative

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as this year's fair queen representative for our club. If you are interested please let one of the leaders know by the next meeting. We will vote on our queen representative in February.

February Meeting Reminders:

Refreshments:

Sanchez Family

Devotions:

Lyndsey Graber

Check us out on the web at:

www.elkhartcountylambclub.com

Remember you can email any questions or concerns to:

elkhartcountylambclub@gmail.com

I PLEDGE
MY HEAD
to clearer *thinking*

MY HEART **to**
greater
loyalty

 **MY** TO
HANDS LARGER SERVICE

MY HEALTH
to better living

FOR MY CLUB **& MY**
MY COMMUNITY
MY COUNTRY **WORLD.**