



Clover Patch

FALL ENROLLMENT EDITION

Calendar of Events

November

Extension Office Closed in November for:

- Nov 10 Veteran's Day
- Nov 23-24
Thanksgiving

Exe. Livestock Meeting

November 7—7PM
4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

Fair Board Meeting

November 14—7PM
4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

4-H Council Meeting

November 27—7PM
4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

4-H Junior Leaders

October 24—6PM
4-H Dining Hall

December

Extension Office Closed in December for:

- Dec. 22, 25
Christmas
- Dec. 29
New Year's Eve

Fair Dates

Adams County 4-H Fair
To Be Announced

Indiana State Fair
To Be Announced

Fall is Here; so is 4-H Enrollment...

It seems absolutely impossible that October is upon us and we welcome fall which includes the crisp air, beautiful colored leaves, pumpkins, farmers busy in the fields and for some a very busy fall schedule of sports, school and family fun.



October also means that we would like to welcome you to a new year for the Adams County 4-H Program ! We hope that you had a great time and an amazing experience in 4-H last year and you have taken time to reflect on the year you have had and thankful for the opportunities you have been given; remembering that even those times that seemed hard helped make you the person you are in this moment.

Get Enrolled for 2024...

I encourage you to invite a friend to give 4-H a try for the year. Maybe you have extra barn space or a common interest in cake decorating, photography or woodworking. Whatever the case may be, think about how much fun you have in 4-H and how much fun it would be if your non 4-H friends joined along with you ! !

Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment is officially open: October 1, 2023 to January 15, 2024

4-H Enrollment is and easy process...

1. Complete enrollment via the 4-H Online Enrollment system v2.4honline.com
2. Pay annual 4-H Program Fee
\$5.00 for Mini 4-H (Grades K - 2)
\$20.00 for 4-H (Grades 3-12)
3. Contact Purdue Extension - Adams County if you have any questions about 4-H or need any additional assistance to complete the enrollment process.
We are always happy to help!

ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY



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Finishing Up Details for 2023...

Thank You Notes are a Must

The end of the year is a great time to reflect on who has assisted you or made an impact in your life throughout the year. This can come in the form of a family member who assisted with a project, 4-H volunteer who spent time with and believed in you, an auction supporter or award sponsor who financially supported you or the 4-H program which you benefited from. **It truly isn't too late to show gratitude.**

Sometimes life gets busy and we minimize the impact on sending a Thank You to someone for their generosity. I have found myself in this very situation, thinking "oh they won't miss a note from me". The truth is there are many reasons it is necessary to write a note of appreciation, check those reasons out.

Please remember it is never too late to write a note of appreciation to those who have shared kindness with you.



Deposit those Investment Checks

Did you earn a Grand Champion or win your species Premier Showmanship this year?

You would have gotten a postcard about your Investment Check courtesy of Custom Car Care with all the information needed to claim those funds. If you haven't cashed that check... get to the bank today !

Cash those Auction Checks

If you still have an auction check to cash... get to the bank today !!

Please realize that some banks will not take checks after 6 months from the date they were written; don't delay any longer getting to the bank.



Thank You
FOR AN AMAZING 2023
ADAMS COUNTY 4-H FAIR

Looking Ahead to 2023-2024 4-H Year...

New Adams County 4-H Rule Books to be Mailed in January 2024

We will be mailing out one copy of the updated 2024 Adams County 4-H Catalog to each 4-H family once all rule change have been voted on and updates have come from Indiana 4-H.

But don't wait till then to sign up.

Go Online at v2.in.4honline.com

Get Enrolled

Pay Enrollment Fees

Who gets a 4-H Catalog mailed to them?

- All new and returning 4-H Volunteers
- 2023 4-H'ers who are still of 4-H eligibility
- All 2023 Mini 4-H'ers
- All 2024 enrolled members

Those who have enrolled online by the mailing date, which we hope is a lot of you!!

Catalogs will be mailed out the first week of January with The Clover Patch. It is our hope by doing this that you may find time to check out a new project or two and to also become versed in the project rules for areas you are involved.

While I realize just by sending these to you, it doesn't mean that you read it front to back. I highly encourage in 2024 that you take a look at the rules that are related to those projects you decide to enroll in.

Upcoming Exciting STEAM Opportunities Coming Soon

Open to youth in grades 3-12
6-8PM at the 4-H Fairgrounds, Monroe

Save the Dates now; but more info including cost for each event, registration deadline and exact location information to come.

December 20

Sweet Treats: Holiday Candy Making
Register: bit.ly/sweettreats23

January 24

Biology is a HOOT: Owl Pellet Dissection and Nature Science
Register: bit.ly/biologysteam

February 14

Canvas Painting Workshop
Register: bit.ly/canvassteam24

March 4

Circuitry: Learning about Electricity
Register: bit.ly/electric24

April 16

Woodworking Workshop
Register: bit.ly/woodworkingsteam24

May 2

First Aid 101:
Learning from Medical Professionals
Register: bit.ly/firstaidsteam

Indiana 4-H... So much more than the County Fair

4-H is America's largest youth development organization; empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us.

Indiana 4-H Mission:

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

Indiana 4-H Vision:

Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.

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Awesome Opportunities Available for Teens

Junior Leaders Call Out Meeting Announced

Calling all 7-12 Graders...

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

KICK-OFF MEETING AND FALL PARTY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

6-8PM

4-H DINING HALL, 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

COME ENJOY TIME WITH GREAT FRIENDS, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND FUN GAMES, AND LET'S TALK ABOUT HOW WE WANT THE ADAMS COUNTY 4-H AND JUNIOR LEADER PROGRAM TO LOOK FOR 2023-2024

What is 4-H Junior Leaders?

4-H members in grades 7-12 may enroll in the Junior Leader project. The Junior Leader program focuses on the development of leadership skills, as well as service learning and fellowship.

Members assist with local club and 4-H project activities and county events including various community service and 4-H marketing opportunities. In the summer, Junior Leaders assist with Mini 4-H Camp, 4-H Fair Setup and Project Judging. Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders are encouraged to step out above the crowd and strive to "Make the Best Better" in Adams County.

Adams County 4-H Jr Leaders

on social media for important updates and reminders.



4-H Camp Counselors

CAMP

Currently looking for 9-12 graders to serve as 4-H Camp Counselors for June 5-7, 2024.

Camp Counselors are expected to attend 3 training/planning sessions scheduled for:

March 12	5:30-8PM	Whitley County
April 12	5:30-8PM	Whitley County
May 9	5:30-8PM	Whitley County

Camp Counselors also arrive the day before camp to do last minute preparations and have fun as a Counselor group: 2PM on June 4.



Applications available online at <https://bit.ly/4HCampCounselorApplication> and are due by **February 1**.

Earn assured admission, college credits and thousands of dollars in savings.

PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM

Fast Start is designed to help Indiana high school students earn access to up to a year of college credit through **free online courses** and the corresponding College Level Examination Program exams. One year, or ten courses, can save students and their parents more than \$21,000 when considering Purdue tuition and housing.

Purdue Fast Start

For More Information:

purdue.university/faststart

Upcoming Classes

Free Classes Held at the
Adams County Fairgrounds
Open to the Public

Ribbon Wreath Making Class

October 26th at 6PM
with the Extension Homemakers
RSVP by October 24th

Cooking Under Pressure

November 2nd at 6PM
with Molly Hoag, HHS Educator
from Purdue Extension-Wells County
RSVP by October 30th

Freezer Meal Class

November 9th at 6PM
with Abigail Creigh, HHS Educator
from Purdue Extension-Noble County
RSVP by November 6th

Contact the Extension Office
with RSVPs and any questions:
(260) 724-5322

Adams County 4-H Volunteer Corner

Updates, Information and Available Opportunities for YOU

Yearly Volunteer Commitment

Volunteers must recommit volunteer efforts annually in order to continue serving in a volunteer role with the Adams County 4-H Program. You may simply log into your 4HOnline account to complete this process.

The 4HOnline system will **open October 1** for volunteers to be able to do this, we are asking that you make this recommitment a priority and **complete** that by **October 15, 2023**.

Volunteer recommitment includes updating contact information, selecting volunteer role and viewing the required training videos. Once these steps are complete on your end you will enter "Awaiting Review". We will then review your enrollment, confirm everything required is complete and accept volunteer recommitment as needed for all available positions.

Adams County 4-H Meeting Dates

4-H Club Leaders please get your meeting dates set for 2024 and forward them to Amy or Missy in the Extension Office ASAP or by **December 15, 2023**.

Seeking Adult Volunteers...

While many volunteers stay with us for years, when a volunteer signs on, they are only making a one year commitment that can be renewed or declined each year.

The volunteer year aligns with the youth program year, so each fall/winter, we ask volunteers to re-enroll in 4-H. We currently have a few vacancies for 4-H Club Leaders and Project Superintendents with possibly more coming.

Please consider donating your time and talents. Reach out to Amy or Missy at the Extension Office if you are interested in seeing our list of current 4-H Volunteer vacancies.

PURDUE EXTENSION - ADAMS COUNTY

Seeking

BOARD MEMBERS

WE HAVE CURRENT BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Seeking Volunteers for:

Adams County 4-H Council

Adams County Extension Board

Adams County Fair Board

Please consider volunteering to serve; contact Purdue Extension of Adams County for more information or to submit bio to be put on the ballot.



VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.

— AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER — YOU WILL...

- Be part of the organization that has been making the best better for more than 100 years.
- Share your interests and skills with 4-H youth in a learning-by-doing environment.
- Have fun with youth and learn with them.
- Discover new friends and experiences while making a difference.





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**ENROLL IN 4-H
TODAY**

4-H Enrollment October 1 - January 15

**ENROLL ONLINE AT:
V2.4HONLINE.COM**

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES K - 12

**MINI 4-H: K - 2ND GRADES
4-H: 3-12TH GRADES**

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4-H Online Enroll in 4-H & Identify Animals
v2.4honline.com
Fair Entry Sign up for fair exhibition
adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com

Online at:

Purdue Extension Website:

extension.purdue.edu/adams
v2.4honline.com

Sign Up for 4-H, Add/Drop 4-H Projects,
Enroll Livestock, Upload Scholarships,
Register for 4-H Camp/Trip Opportunities

adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com

Make entries for specific exhibits intended
for exhibition at the Adams County 4-H Fair



STAY CONNECTED

Follow Adams County 4-H on Social Media for important updates and reminders in addition to pictures from events and opportunities.



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