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# Benton County 4-H News



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## Indiana 4-H Mission

**The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communi-**

## Happy Valentine's Day



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**The 2024 4-H Handbook is now available online.**

The State projects that have been updated are Aerospace, Communications, Electric, Garden, Genealogy, Photography, Woodworking Techniques, and Food Recipe Card. Farm Toy Scene dimensions have changed. All the Animals have some changes, as well. Please read thoroughly the projects you are taking and the all the General Infor-

[Benton County 4-H 2024 Handbook \(purdue.edu\)](#)

**Here is a link to the Purdue Extension State Projects**

[4-H Projects \(purdue.edu\)](#)



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# What's Happening

## 2024 Benton County Fair

July 16-22, 2024

## 2024 State Fair

August 2-18, 2024

### Our Newsletter has gone Green

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter by mail, please let us know by calling 765.884.0140 or email Kelly at [wallpe2@purdue.edu](mailto:wallpe2@purdue.edu).



### Project Add/Drop Deadline

May 15

### Dog Obedience Training Meeting

Information will be available in next month's newsletter

## Camp & State Trip Dates



- **4-H Camp** - Grade 3-6 - Shakamak State Park - June 12th - 14th
  - **4-H Academy** - Grade 9-12 - Purdue University - June 12th - 14th    Registration Deadline - May 15th
  - **4-H Round-Up** - Grade 7-9 - Purdue University - June 24th - 26th    Registration Deadline June 1st
- **Band & Chorus** - Grade 9-12—Purdue University - June 22nd - 25th

\*\*Nick is going to be chaperone at both 4-H Round Up and 4-H Camp.  
Come hang out with Nick and get to know him!\*\*

# Club Information

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	Lynn Lucy	219-869-1571	lsondgeroth@gmail.com

## Fowler's Finest

Sun., Feb. 18th 5-6 p.m. Benton County Annex  
 Sat., Mar. 9th 6 p.m. Fowler Theatre  
 Sun., Apr. 21st 5-6 p.m. Benton County Annex

## Horse & Pony

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. @ Benton Central  
 in Cassie's classroom J101

Tues., Feb. 27th  
 Thur., Mar. 14th

## Junior Leaders

All Meeting will be held from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at  
 the Benton County Annex

Sat., Mar. 9th Sat., May 4th  
 Sat., Apr. 6th Sat., Jun. 1st

## Mini 4-H - Cloverbuds

All Meeting will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at  
 the Benton County Annex

Sat., Mar. 9th Sat., May 4th  
 Sat., Apr. 6th Sat., Jun. 1st

## Helping Hands

All Meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at the Earl Park  
 Community Park

Sun., Mar. 10th Sun., Jun. 2nd  
 Sun., Apr. 7th Sun., Jul. 7th  
 Sun., May 5th

## Junior Farmers

All Meeting will be held at OUMC—Otterbein Unit-  
 ed Methodist Church from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

### Tentative Schedule

Sun., Mar 10th Sun., May 19th  
 Sun., Apr 21st Sun., Jun. 9th

## Lucky Pines

Sun., Feb. 18th 6:30 p.m. Fowler Christian Church  
 Sun., Mar. 10th 6:30 p.m. Fowler Christian Church  
 Sun., Apr. 21st 5 p.m. Benton County Annex  
 Sun., May 19th 6:30 p.m., Location TBD  
 Sun., Jun. 9th 6:30 p.m., Location TBD

## Parish Grove

Sun., Feb. 25th 2-4 p.m. Fowler Bowling  
 Sun., Mar. 17th 4 p.m. Home of Carrie Buck  
 Sun., Apr. 13th 2 p.m. Roadside Clean-up  
 Sun., May 19th 4 p.m., Location TBD  
 Sun., Jun. 9th 7 p.m., Location TBD  
 Sun., Jun. 30th 7 p.m. Home of Kelly Wallpe

# Barn Superintendents

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Swine	Jeff Fields	765-426-5708	jfields@purdue.edu



## Beef Weigh-In & Tagging

Wednesday, April 10th

From 5-7 p.m.

At the Fairground in the Beef Barn

## Goat & Sheep Weigh-In & Tagging

Wednesday, May 8th

From 5-7 p.m.

At the Fairgrounds in the west-end of the Coliseum

All 4-H members planning to exhibit livestock at the 2024 Benton County Fair are required to complete an in-person Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care training (\$3, sign up in 4HOnline) OR an online YQCA training (\$12, sign up at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)). You only need to complete one or the other. If you choose YQCA, you will need to email [wallpe2@purdue.edu](mailto:wallpe2@purdue.edu), mail—Purdue Extension Benton County, 410 S Ade-way Rd Suite A, Fowler, IN 47944, or drop-off your certificate by Tuesday, July 9th.

## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

All Meeting will be held at the Benton County Annex

Monday, March 25th - 2 –4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15th - 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5th - 6-8 p.m.

Monday, July 8th - 6-8 p.m. **This is the LAST day to be able to complete training before the fair!**



## 2024 Livestock Schedule

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=IndianaStateFair&f=ISF24\\_livestock.schedule.pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=IndianaStateFair&f=ISF24_livestock.schedule.pdf)

## When and Where is 4-H Camp?

- Shakamak State Park, in Jasonville, IN
- Camp Dates are June 12-14th
- Camp is 3 days, and 2 nights long
- Shakamak cabins do have air conditioning and showers.



## What does it take?

A Camp Counselor is a leader. You take on the position of being a role model to the youth that attend camp. A leader communicates and is a team player. It takes a team to put on a 4-H camp.

A Camp Counselor has creativity. You plan and facilitate different games and activities throughout the 3 days of camp. Your job is to ensure campers have fun even during downtime.

A Camp Counselor is patient. When working with children, you will get asked the same question a million times and must repeat directions often. Being patient, rather than getting flustered, is crucial.

A Camp Counselor is a role model. Being a positive role model, you are setting the expectation for how your campers will act. You must create a safe environment that is enjoyable and teaches valuable life lessons.

## How to Apply

- Applications can be found at the Purdue Extension Benton County office or by emailing Nicholas Vitalone (nvitalon@purdue.edu).
- Applicants must be in 9th grade or above and will need 2 adult references.
- Those accepted must attend 3-4 mandatory meetings, 1 in April, 2 in May, and 1 in June. (Dates of Meetings are listed on the Application)

**Applications Due by Friday, March 8th.**

# 4-H Camp Counselor Information

**Camp Counselor Training Meeting will be held at the Benton County Annex from 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Monday, April 22nd**

**Tuesday, May 7th**

**Wednesday, May 22nd**

**Tuesday, June 6th**

# INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



BROADBAND  
INFLUENCER

## What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

[pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest](http://pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest)



2

Validates it on the FCC website

[broadbandmap.fcc.gov](http://broadbandmap.fcc.gov)



3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad\*!

## Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

## I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

[state4hleader@purdue.edu](mailto:state4hleader@purdue.edu)



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\*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

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# PURDUE FAST START

PROGRAM



At Purdue University, we are empowering students to direct their own futures through the free

**PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,**

which makes higher education more affordable for all.

## WHAT

Many promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway to Purdue University.

**THROUGH THE PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM, STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.**

## HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT \$11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER \$21,000**

LEARN MORE

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at [purdue.university/faststart](http://purdue.university/faststart), or call 765-494-1776 or (for hearing impaired) 800-743-3333.

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