



HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H

January 2024
Newsletter

Dear 4-H Families, Volunteers, and Supporters,

2024 is here and another 4-H year is underway! The 2024 4-H Handbook can be found on our website under the Handbook tab and has some changes so be sure to read your project guidelines. <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/hancock/hancock-county-4h-home.html> The judging schedule can be found on page 29-30 of the handbook.

We will let you know by email when we have printed copies available for pick up in the Extension office. Be sure to follow the guidelines for each project carefully!

If you need project manuals, those are available at the office now. For a speedy pick up, call ahead and let us know when you want to pick them up so we can have the books pulled and ready for you when you arrive! Our number is 317-462-1113.



Amber Barks
4-H Youth Development
Send her an email to learn more
about Hancock County 4-H!
abarks@purdue.edu





4-H Enrollment Dates

The 4-HOnline enrollment system will be open until January 15th. NOW is the time to enroll! You can always log back in and add or remove projects as needed this spring until May 15th. You will be able to use your current log-in information to enroll for this coming year. If you have forgotten your password, you may request a new one or call the Extension Office at 317-462-1113.

Volunteer Re-enrollment

Returning 4-H Volunteers Don't forget—every year 4-H Volunteers must renew their Adult Behavioral Expectations Form. This form is part of the 4-HOnline process for volunteers. In order to stay up-to-date, you must complete the form every year. If you don't, you may have to be rescreened. Log on to your profile here: <https://in.4honline.com>—you may find the instructions on the home page titled in blue – "[Reenrollment instructions for 4-H members and Adult Volunteers \(PDF\)](#)"

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions or concerns about your volunteer status.

AND

There is a mandatory Youth Safety/Child Abuse Training that must be completed by ALL volunteers in order to work with kids this year in our 4-H program. The easiest way to complete this training is to do it through 4HOnline but it can be done face to face in our office. You will find instructions on the above link when you re-enroll. Please contact our office if you have questions, concerns, or comments.

Hancock County Community Foundation Scholarships

Don't miss out on the 4-H Scholarships available through the Hancock County Community Foundation! There are several specifically for 4-H members. Seniors applying for HCCF scholarships must have all pieces of their applications complete and submitted by 4:00 PM on Friday, February 2, 2024. Here is the application link: <https://givehcgrowhc.org/how-to-apply-for-scholarships/>

Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care

Indiana 4-H has developed their own quality assurance program. Although, 4-H members may choose to continue to complete YQCA as it may be required for some livestock shows. Members who wish to complete YQCA will only be allowed to complete the online version. No in person meetings of YQCA will be held by extension staff.

The in person fee for the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care program will be \$3. There will not be an online version of Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care in 2024. Youth must complete **one** of these programs to show livestock at the fair.

State 4-H Building Project Guidelines

All State Fair project guidelines can be accessed through the Purdue extension website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/projects/index.html> these will also be available in our handbook at a later date.

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 Hancock County 4-H (Indiana)

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 @HancockCounty4H



Important: Updated State 4-H Policies

4-H project exhibitions occur through a variety of methods: county fairs, career development events, and other statewide competitive events. **The following statewide deadlines are now in place and must be followed.**

May 15 – All animals requiring 4-H Animal Identification must be identified in.4honline.

June 10 - FairEntry Deadline for all building projects.

June 13- FairEntry Deadline for all livestock projects.

This is the system where you will enter the classes in which you plan to exhibit your project.

June 1 -4-H'ers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA). If you take YQCA online you must have a copy of your certificate emailed to the office by June 1.

Project Superintendents!

Calling all Project Superintendents and Club Leaders! 4-H families are asking for workshops! They can be conducted virtually or in person with a limited number of participants.

If you are planning to schedule a workshop at the 4-H Fairgrounds, please do so soon. Ask us about making your workshop available virtually! We are so thankful for the support of our volunteers and cannot wait for this new 4-H season!

Please contact Amber with your scheduling write up, dates, questions, and if you need assistance setting up a Zoom meeting by emailing her at abarks@purdue.edu



Hancock County 4-H Fair June 18-28

Save the Date

4-H Camp
Grades 3-5 and
Counselors Grades
9-12
May 30-June 1

4-H Academy
Grades 9-12
June 12-14

4-H Roundup
Grades 7-9
June 24-26



Mini 4-Hers Mark Your Calendars!

Dear Mini 4-H Member,
Listed below are the dates for all upcoming Mini 4-H meetings. They will be held at the Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Jan 22 Feb 26 March 25 April 29 May 28

SARAH BURKE 4-H EXHIBIT HALL
620 APPLE ST., GREENFIELD



Livestock Tagging

Beef tagging: April 14 from 2-3:30 pm

Goat tagging: May 8 from 6-7 pm

Sheep tagging: May 12 from 2-5pm



4-H Club Leaders

Join us January 16 at 6 pm.

We will be going over rule changes, new policies, and answering any questions.

We will be serving dinner, please **RSVP** by calling 317-462-1113.

New 4-H Members

Join us February 7 at 6 pm.

We will discuss due dates, the judging process, fairentry registration, and much more. We will also answer any questions you may have.

Hancock County 4-H Shooting Sports 2024 Projects

PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT SHOOT AT MEETINGS WITHOUT ACTIVE 4-H MEMBERSHIP. **Dates subject to change.**

Contact Greg Hall 317-376-3366, Hancock4Hshootingsports@gmail.com for more information.

<p>Rifle 1. Introductory Workshop emphasizing firearm safety and fundamental marksmanship. Air rifles (provided) will be used in the Workshop. A \$10 Supply Fee covers consumables. Minimum age 9 years.</p> <p>ONLY ONE 5-WEEK WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD IN 2024. Tuesday evenings, Feb 13 - Mar 12, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall</p> <p>At each meeting, a 6:30 - 7:15 PM session will be for ages 9 - 10 years and a 7:15 - 8:00 PM session will be for 11 years and older. Attendance at 3 of 5 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required to receive credit.</p> <p>Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com</p>
<p>Rifle 2 (Advanced Rifle). Advanced training in rifle marksmanship. Completion of Rifle 1 and/or instructor approval required. A \$20 supply Fee covers consumables.</p> <p>Indoor air rifle segment (required): \$20 Supply Fee; Tuesday evenings, 6-8 PM, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall, March 5 - April 9.</p> <p>Outdoor .22 caliber rifle segment (by invitation, contingent upon satisfactory performance in the indoor segment): THURSDAY evenings, April 18 – May 9, Sheriff’s Range. Attendance at 6 of the 8 indoor meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit.</p> <p>Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com; David Schutt 317-498-0295</p>
<p>Pistol: Due to scheduling it is not possible to participate in both a Rifle and a Pistol project in the same year.</p> <p>Introduction and training in pistol marksmanship. Requires completion of Rifle 1 and/or instructor approval. Equipment is provided; a \$20 supply fee covers consumables. Attendance at 6 of the 8 indoor meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit.</p> <p>Indoor air pistol segment (required): \$20 Supply Fee; Tuesday evenings, 6-8 PM, Sarah Burke 4-H Exhibit Hall, March 5 - April 9.</p> <p>Outdoor .22 caliber pistol segment (optional and by invitation, contingent upon performance in the indoor segment): THURSDAY evenings, April 18 – May 9, Sheriff’s Range.</p> <p>Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com</p>
<p>Archery: Emphasizes range safety and basic marksmanship. Equipment Fee = \$20. Attendance at 5 of the 7 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit. Minimum age = 9 years.</p> <p>Meeting Dates: Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 11, Apr 25, May 9, May 23. First year: 6-7 PM; Repeat participants: 7-8 PM). 4-H Fairgrounds Show Arena.</p> <p>Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com</p>
<p>Shotgun: Emphasizes shotgun safety and trap shooting techniques. A \$40 supply fee covers consumables. Minimum age 12 years. Attendance at 4 of the 6 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit.</p> <p>Meeting Dates: Saturdays, 10AM - 1 PM; Apr 20 - May 25, Kingen Gun Club, 5112 W 500 N, McCordsville</p> <p>Greg Hall 317-376-3366 Hancock4HShootingSports@gmail.com</p>
<p>Muzzleloader: THURSDAY evenings, April 18 – May 9, Sheriff’s Range. Minimum age 12 years or instructor approval. Attendance at 3 of the 4 meetings and a poster for display at the county 4-H Fair required for credit.</p> <p>Deb Cochard 317-223-5433 quiverfull7331@gmail.com; Rusty Hansen khansen@ninstarconnect.com</p>

BLUE RIVER GUYS & GALS 4-H CLUB

KICK OFF MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

1:00-3:00PM

PURDUE EXTENSION OFFICE
972 E PARK AVE, GREENFIELD

We will elect officers, set meeting dates, play games, plan fundraisers, and plan community service projects. We will have pizza. Parents are welcome!

Sugar Creek 4-H Club

Cross of Grace Lutheran Church
3519 S 600 W, New Palestine

2:00-3:30pm

Jan 21

Feb 11

March 10

April 21

May 19

LUCKY CLOVERS 4-H CLUB Meeting Dates

JANUARY 7

FEBRUARY 4

MARCH 3

APRIL 7

MAY 5

Meetings will be held
from 4 - 5 pm

at
Eden UMC
2122 E Eden Rd
Greenfield, IN 46140

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6:30PM

Jan 18

Feb 15

March 21

April 18

May 16



Hancock County 4-H Jr. Leaders

All 7th-12th graders may join Jr. Leaders

January 4- Sky zone North- 6 pm (Must have attended one regular meeting before then to attend)

Feb 1-Fairgrounds with guest speaker Nicole Mann @ 7 pm

March 7-Fairgrounds @ 7 pm

April 1-Hancock County Jail tour @ 7 pm

May 2-Fairgrounds @ 7 pm

June 11-Set-up Exhibit Hall @ 5 pm



2024

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

Categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

Eligibility: Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

Awards: A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit bit.ly/4hscholarship to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in case you miss one.

Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu

PACK YOUR BAGS!

Purdue University is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.
If you have special needs, please call us prior to the event at (812) 867-4935.



Visit the State House

Tuesday, February 13th

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is \$20 to attend

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation. .



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Poetry Out Loud!



Interested in poetry and public speaking? High school students are invited to join Marion County 4-H to practice for the state Poetry Out Loud competition, where young people recite poetry for a chance to advance to national finals in Washington, D.C.! Over \$50,000 in prizes and school scholarships. Learn more and sign up to participate here.

[<https://sites.google.com/view/4hpoetryoutloud/>]





INDIANA 4-H

UAV Competition

A free, statewide, drone/UAV competition will be held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Alexandria, IN at 12:00 PM, May 4, 2024.

Both Junior Division (grades 6-8) and Senior Division (grades 9-12) members will receive awards.

Contact your local 4-H Educator for loanable practice "Tello" drones. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Three Competition Areas:

- ✓ Obstacle Course Flight
- ✓ FAA Rules and Regulations
- ✓ Programming--Using "Drone Blocks" App

MAY 4, 2024
ALEXANDRIA, IN

Bill Decker

☎ 765-641-9514

🌐 wdecker@purdue.edu

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Register at:

<https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

ccrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

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



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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.