

Camps

Mini Day Camp

This years theme was Hawaiian Luau! We had an absolute blast with our minis with a day full of fun crafts and activities! We had a couple of special guests including Indiana DNR who brought some turtles for the kids! Our second guest was a...chicken! (Fun fact: Did you know that Hawaii has wild chickens?!) Our amazing volunteer AJ took on the role as our chicken and did fantastic! Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and staff!



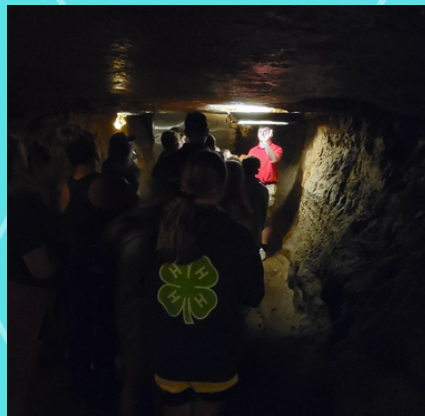
Nature Camp

The 2-day 2023 Nature Camp took place on July 17th and 18th at Patoka Lake. All of our youth had a blast with hands-on experience while learning about wildlife, trees, water quality, habitats, and healthy living. We ended our time with a boat ride on Patoka Lake. Thank you to the Patoka Lake Marina for your support!

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Vet Camp

At Vet Camp, several youth learn a variety of skills and knowledge of the life of a veterinarian. They all learn about basic first aid, parasites, biosecurity, injections, skeletal systems, animal nutrition, and eyeball anatomy. A special thanks to veterinarian Dr. Sharon Christie for sharing your experiences and knowledge with our future veterinarians!



Junior Master Naturalists Camp

Junior Master Naturalists Camp allows youth to explore and experience the natural world with this unique, hands-on program! The camp takes place at locations in Harrison County, Indiana. This program educates youth on a variety of topics such as Cave Ecosystems, Kayaking and Aquatic Ecology, Humans & The Natural World, Animal Adaptations, Tree ID, Native & Invasive Species, and more. There are live animal demonstrations, paddling on the Blue River, hiking, cave exploration, outdoor survival skills training, and nature-based volunteer projects.

After-School Enrichment Programs

February

February is Heritage Month for the South Central 4-H After School Enrichment Program. This month they are learning about learning about the history and significance of quilts. Quilts are an important piece of our heritage. They hold the history of the materials used to make them and offer insight into the social, cultural, and economic history of an area. Each youth made a miniature barn quilt on canvas and display easel showing their Harrison County heritage and South Central spirit using the school colors.



March

During the month of March, South Central 4-H After School Enrichment Program focused on Animal Science and Animal Education. They learned about 4-H project guidelines and designed a 4-H Fair poster in which they learned how to identify and properly label the parts of a rabbit. As a VERY special treat, Ron and Patti Byerly, of The Hutch 'n Bunch Rabbitry and Daylilies brought several rabbits of various breeds and gave the kids a chance to gain first-hand knowledge of the animals.



4-H WORKSHOPS



Pottery

The Pottery Workshop on March 8th proved that getting your hands dirty can result in some really creative art! Participants got to learn the main 3 methods of making pottery: Coil Method, Pinch & Pull Method, and Slab Method. They used the slab method to press out their clay and trace their unique handprints to make a bowl in the shape of their hand. Great job everyone and way to be creative!

Leathercraft

The Leather Craft Workshop on February 18th was a huge success. The youth picked out their own unique leather craft kit to personally customize with stamping, carving, simple sewing, and dye. Thank you to Eugene Cooper who brought a wide variety of kits and a great team of volunteers to help everyone learn the art of leather crafting!



Tie Dye

On May 10th, our new Tie Dye masters learned all about tie dye and how to combine the 3 primary colors to create more new colors. Everyone learned the spiral pattern and used colors of their choice to create a unique shirt of their own. They also received more instructions for many other types of patterns that they could try at home to enter into the Harrison County 4-H Fair! Great job everyone!



Mini 4-H Workshops



Ancestor Detector

A group of 4-H Mini members tried climbing their family trees to become Ancestor Detectors! Participants made their own notebook to write down family secrets. They created a 3-generation family tree poster using owls for family members. The Mini's went home with tools to help them interview their living ancestors with ease and a booklet on how to make a time capsule. We have a few spare kits at the Extension Office if other Mini's are interested. Happy investigating!

Garden Decorations

Mini 4-H'ers met on May 10th to get down and a bit dirty making garden decorations just in time for Mother's Day. The Mini members completed not one, not two, but three crafts during the workshop! Top on the list was a concrete garden stone. The children were given glass marbles, luster gems, river rocks, and a lucky penny. Each stone was unique and beautiful. Our second craft was a bit of bling for the garden as the Mini's strung assorted beads on wire with a hoop at the top to hang it from a tree, trellis, or tomato cage. And finally we made a planter from a can, a rubber band, popsicle sticks, and a bit of ribbon.



String Art

The 4-H Mini members (K-2) had a great time learning about a few things you can make with string (and yarn). Sewing by hand is a great life lesson. By making a string art Valentine card, the mini's could practice this skill. It was quite a learning experience! We also tried our hand at twisting yarn around nails in a small wooden circle to make a yarn art heart. One of the read-a-loud books for the class was "Lost, A Story of String". Each child was given a loop of string and shown how to make a couple of string figures shown in the book as we enjoyed the story. Instructions for making more string figures went home with each child.

Horse and Pony



Horse Judging CDE

This event is open to 4-H and FFA members and is designed to teach youth skills to evaluate horses. 4-H and FFA are working collectively to coordinate a safe in person experience.

For more information about the Horse Judging CDE in Harrison County, please contact Lora Tucker Schmelz at 812-736-9530 or ltuckerdvm@yahoo.com.



Fun Show

16 riders from Mini to Standard 4-H had a blast brushing the dust off at the Lucky Horseshoes Fun Show on April 8th. They had a ton of fun in egg and spoon classes, catalog races, corn hole races and more. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped!



Completion Show

The 2023 4-H Horse & Pony Completion show went off without a hitch! The horse, ponies, and riders were chomping at the bit to exhibit their horsemanship and riding skills they'd been practicing all year. Riders competed over the span of 3 days: 1st day was Contesting, 2nd day was Saddle type, Gaited, and Western Type, 3rd day was Hunter Type and Mini 4-H Show. Congratulations to all of the 4-H contestants who exhibited all of their hard work with their beautiful horses and ponies!



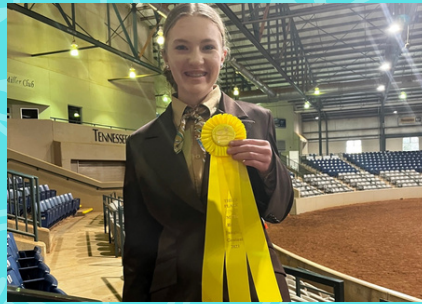
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Milk Quality and Products CDE

This event is open to 4-H and FFA members and is designed to teach youth skills necessary in the dairy foods career area. Youth will identify cheese, off flavors in milk, evaluate ice cream, problem solve, identify milk fat content in products, perform a California Mastitis Test, and will complete a knowledge exam.

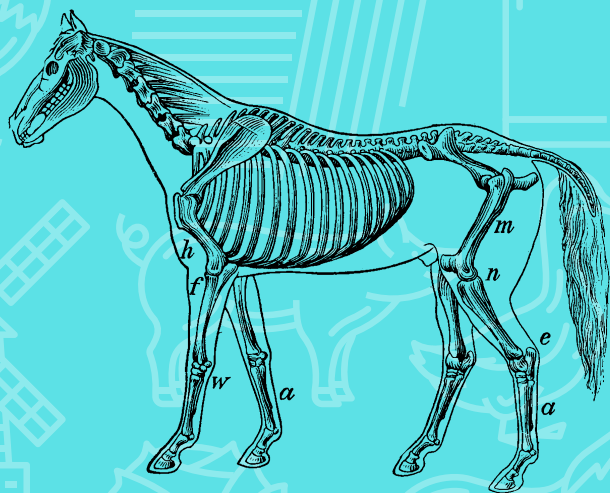


Forestry CDE

4-H and FFA Members compete in a judging contest to show what they know about forestry. The contest includes a quiz and identification. Must qualify through an Extension Area contest.

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Hippology CDE



Interested in horses and horsemanship? New to 4-H or Horses? Don't own a horse? Don't worry! We are open to any child who is interested horses or learning more about horse breeds, tack, anatomy, gaits, etc. Horse Bowl and Hippology is quiz contest made up of questions pertaining to horse-related topics. The objectives of Hippology are to provide an opportunity for youth to learn and demonstrate their breadth of knowledge and understanding of horse management and to learn life-skills such as acquiring knowledge, communicating, solving problems, relating to others and applying leadership skills. For more information about the Horse Bowl and Hippology CDE in Harrison County, please contact Lora Tucker Schmelz at 812-736-9530 or ltuckerdvm@yahoo.com.

Livestock Judging CDE

This event is open to 4-H and FFA members and is designed to teach youth skills to evaluate livestock. Harrison County 4-H members Ryder Kamer, Lilly Kintner, and Regan Kamer placed 2nd in the Area 2 Livestock Judging Invitational junior division. Ryder also placed 5th individually. They evaluated and placed 6 classes of beef cattle, hogs, sheep, and goats. They also had to answer questions about the class of breeding heifers. Great job everyone!



Poultry Judging CDE

4-H and FFA Members compete as a team or individual. Classes of live birds and eggs will be judged along with egg candling and oral reasons. The Poultry Judging teams from Harrison County participated in the Area 2 CDE on April 4th at the Clark County Fairgrounds. Students evaluated the quality of whole hen carcasses, graded exterior, and interior egg quality, judged pens of laying hens, answered questions about processed chicken products, and identified parts for processing of the chicken. Placing first in the junior team division were Regan Kamer, Lilly Kintner, and Sophie Hoehn. Placing fourth in the junior team division were Anna Sauerheber, Neil Sauerheber, and Owen Hoehn. Regan Kamer earned first place junior individual and Sophie Hoehn placed 5th. All members are part of the Blue River All-Stars 4-H Club. The teams were coached by Whitney Sauerheber.

