



Hendricks County 4-H Clover Connection



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Spring Breaks, Flowers, & Fun

Welcome by Ashley Alexander - 4-H Educator

The flowers are beginning to peek up in the landscaping, and the grass is beginning to turn green! You know what that means?!?! SPRING! Spring and Fall are my favorite seasons, and I am so excited to see the sun come up each day! With spring coming, that means Spring Break is also coming! We want to invite you to several of our special programs coming up this month!

Chef University and STEM are both **Spring Break** Programs that will be offered this year! See page 3 for more information! STEM is for 4-H members and non-members in grades 3-12. The cost is \$10. Chef University is a two-day program for 4-H members or non-members in grades 3-5. This cost is \$50/chef. You DON'T have to be a member to participate! Call our office if you have questions.

Speaking of spring flowers, 4-Hers are now selling **4-H Flowers** as a fundraiser this year! Red and Hot Pink Geraniums as well as Purple and White petunias are available for sale NOW! Geraniums are \$2 each and petunias are \$5 each. Orders are due on March 20th and pick up will be May 2nd or 3rd (depending on your club). Come and help support your local 4-H program!

Summer Break calls for **FUN!** We have several opportunities for fun this summer! Trip information for 4-H Academy, 4-H Round Up, Band, and Chorus has been sent out! We will send out more information about 4-H Camp soon!

As always, watch our social media channels for the latest and greatest!
Facebook: Hendricks County 4-H- Purdue Extension
Instagram: @hendricksco4h

I hope to see you soon!

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Extension Office Info

Extension Office CLOSED on:
March 15th and March 29th

HEADS UP!! The office will be **OPEN LATE on May 15th** for those that have questions, need to turn something in, or need help enrolling.

We will be open until 7 p.m.

Contact Us

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Danville, IN 46122
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Open 8 a.m.—4 p.m.
Monday—Friday
<https://bit.ly/hendrickscounty4h>
<https://v2.4honline.com>



4-H OPPORTUNITIES



Next Junior Leaders Meeting:
Thursday March 14th
@ 6:30 p.m.
MADE @ Plainfield Center

Junior Leaders

Be sure you have signed up for the Jr. Leaders Project on 4-HOnline! In order to keep getting information about the Jr. Leaders project, you will need to sign up on 4-HOnline. It's not too late to sign up!

Mark your calendar for the next few meetings:

- Thursday, April 15 @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Tuesday, May 14th @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
- Tuesday, June 4th @ Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds



For our Community Service for this month, we will be partnering again with DCS to put together activity bags for children awaiting placement in their offices. Check your email for a list of suggested items.

Jr. Leader Help Needed

We have several opportunities this month for Jr. Leaders to help with programs or events! Fill out this form to let us know how you can help:
<https://hendricksco4h.com/JLCommittees>

Mark Your Calendar for 4-H Summer Trips

4-H Trips are back for Summer 2024! Information was sent via mail and email, but if you did not receive it, please contact the office!

- **4-H Academy** - 9th-12th grade - June 12-14
- **4-H Camp** - 3rd-6th grade - June 6-8 (Camp Counselors are 9th-12th grade)
- **4-H Band** - 9th-12th grade - June 22-24
- **4-H Chorus** - 9th-12th grade - June 22-27
- **4-H Round Up** - 7th-9th grade - June 24-26



Find More Information HERE: <https://bit.ly/3L1YI3b>



4-H Fair Queen Contest

Are you interested in becoming the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen? The callout meeting will be your chance to learn how the contest works! See flyer to the right for more information.

All members enrolled in 4-H in Hendricks County who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2024, or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2024, are encouraged to participate in the 4-H Fair Queen Contest.

Each contestant must be an active or past member of 4-H. You can find more information such as rules, schedule, and the application at:

<https://www.4hcomplex.org/p/2022fair/2019-4-h-fair-queen>

Application is DUE May 15th, NO EXCEPTIONS!

4-H FAIR QUEEN INFO SESSION

Join us to learn more about the Hendricks County Fair Queen Program

This is NOT a commitment to join! We'll share workshop topics, basic rules, and answer questions!

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024
2 PM
HENDRICKS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Open to all Hendricks County 4-Hers who are 16 years of age or older by June 1, 2024 or completed 4-H in Hendricks County their Sophomore through Senior years of high school and have not reached their 20th birthday by June 1, 2024.

We are looking for Camp Counselors!

Applications are available at the Extension Office and will be due back March 22, 2024. Applicants must be a current Hendricks County 4-H Member in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade as of January 1, 2024.

Important dates: March 22 - Applications due to Extension Office
April 29 - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 p.m.
May 6 - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 p.m.
May 21 - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 7-9 p.m.
May 30 - Camp Counselor Training, Boone County Fairgrounds, 5-8 p.m.
June 6-8 - 4-H Camp, Shakamak State Park

*At least THREE Camp Counselor trainings are required for camp counselors

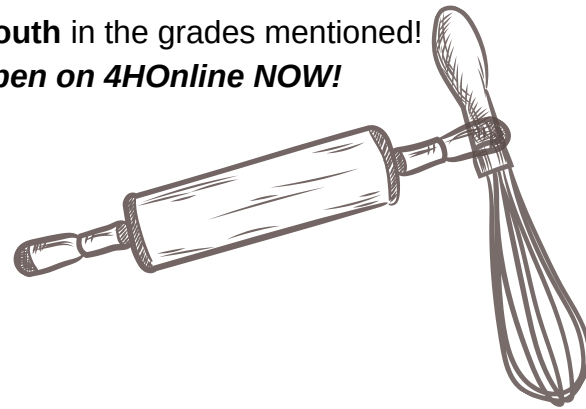


SPRING BREAK SPARK PROGRAMS

All of these programs are open to **4-H AND non-4-H youth** in the grades mentioned!
Bring a friend and join the fun! **Registration is open on 4HOnline NOW!**

Chef University

We will once again be offering Chef University. Participants will prepare recipes designed to help them learn new cooking techniques, science skills, and nutrition lessons. Recipes are based on food items from around the world! There will be a fun "Chopped"-style event at the end of Day 2.



Cost will be \$50. Grades 3-5.
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds
Session 1: March 27 & 28 from 9am-12noon
Session 2: March 27 & 28 from 1-4pm

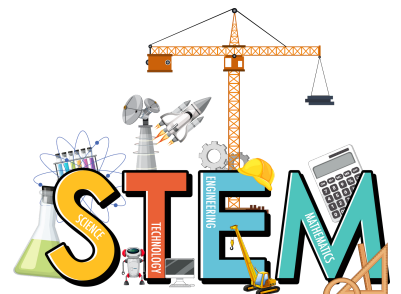


Stem Makerspace Day

Come and check out our **BRAND NEW STEM** kits! We received a generous grant to replace and supplement our STEM supplies and makerspace items. We now have a new 3D Printer, Sphero, Marble Runs, and **MORE!**

We are so excited to have you check out our new items or rediscover the old ones.

Cost is \$10
Grades 3-12
Tuesday, March 26
Time is 1-4 pm
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds



ATTENTION SENIORS

Local Scholarships are still available! You can find links to these scholarships on our website:

<https://hendricksco4h.com/2023Scholarship>

Local Scholarships are due on March 15th, 2024!

Local Scholarships: Pork Producers, Sheep Club, Swine Club, Milk Producers, Beef Club, Beef Club Continuing Education, Hampton Memorial Livestock Scholarship, Hampton Cascade Scholarship

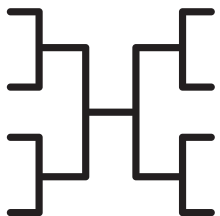
Master Gardeners Scholarship due on April 15, 2024!

2024 Clover Craziiness

Clover Craziiness is STARTING NEXT WEEK! We are beginning our match-ups to see who will be crowned the 2024 Clover Craziiness Champion! Clover Craziiness is our version of "March Madness". Each project is represented and all vie for the title of Clover Craziiness Champion!



Who will win? Will Horse and Pony win again this year?



**CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA
FOR VOTING!**



4-H T-SHIRTS

The Jr. Leaders are once again selling 4-H t-shirts! This will be a fundraiser for Jr. Leaders to help them with community service projects, scholarships, and their completion trip.

There will be four options:

- **T-shirts - Dark Heather Grey, Green, Red, and Blue.** Available in Youth sizes S-L and Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$13 (plus a \$3 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Long Sleeve T-shirts - Dark Heather Grey, Green, Red, and Blue.** Available in Youth sizes S-L and Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$18 (plus a \$3 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Hooded Sweatshirts - Dark Heather Grey.** Available in Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$25 (plus a \$3 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).
- **Full-zip Hooded Sweatshirts - Dark Heather Grey.** Available in Adult sizes S-4XL. Cost: \$30 (plus a \$3 upcharge for sizes 2XL and up).



Design for T-shirts and Long Sleeves



Design for Hoodie Sweatshirt



Design for Full-zip Hooded Sweatshirt

Link to order is: Hendricks4H.spiritsale.com (Or scan the QR Code)

Orders due by: **April 19th**

CLUB INFORMATION

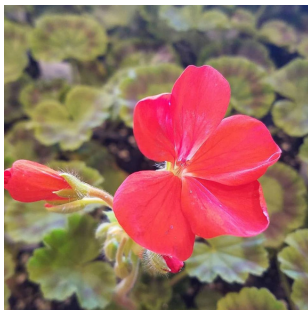
Club and Project Leaders Needed!

Are you interested in helping with a 4-H Club or leading 4-H project workshops throughout the year? We have numerous clubs and projects that need additional adult volunteer help! Needs range from club leaders to co-leaders to extra sets of hands to help with meetings and workshops. Contact the Extension Office for more information!



4-H FLOWER SALE

DON'T FORGET ABOUT YOUR FLOWER ORDERS!! This is the single largest fundraiser for the Hendricks County 4-H Program! Red and Hot Pink Seed Geraniums are \$2.00 each and Purple and White Petunias are \$5 each. **Please give your total flower count to your club leader by March 20th!**



Pick up is the first week of May and determined by your club leader!

See the attached flyer for more info!



Mini 4-H

The next Mini 4-H meeting is:

March 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Pittsboro Fire Department

Additional details and information will be sent via email about this meeting since it is NOT at the fairgrounds!

The theme for this meeting is **Career Exploration** which means all of our activities will explore different career areas!

Our **service project** this month will be to bring in items to create **activity bags** for children awaiting foster placement in DCS offices. Email to come with a list of suggested items.

We look forward to having you!

Mark your calendar for the next couple meetings as well:

- **April 16th - 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
Theme: Foods and Cookie Decorating
- **May 8th - 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
*At the Hendricks County Fairgrounds
Theme: Bugs and Dinosaurs



CLUB AUDITS AND YEARLY FINANCIAL REVIEW



Club Audits Coming!

Per state 4-H guidelines, we are to conduct club financial reviews/audits of 20% of our clubs on an annual basis. These audits will take place in early spring. Below is a list of clubs that will be reviewed this year:

- Beef Club
- Bridle Bunch
- Gifted 4-Hers
- Guys & Gals
- Shooting Sports
- Sheep Club
- Swine Club
- Washington Winners

Additionally, ALL clubs must submit a financial overview annually in addition to filing an IRS 990 form. **Club leaders should have received a letter in the mail regarding IRS forms. If you did not receive one, please contact the office.**

VOLUNTEER & BOARD INFORMATION

AWARD SPONSORSHIPS

If you are looking to sponsor an award for the 2024 Hendricks County 4-H Fair, please contact Steve Patterson for more information!

SPatterson@4hcomplex.org



Reminder! When coming into the Extension Office to purchase materials or pay enrollment fees, **we can only accept cash or checks made out to Trustees of Purdue University.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

Trip Apps, Flower Orders, & T-shirt Orders Due Soon!

see individual sections

Spring Break Programs

March 26-28th

Details on page 3!

Livestock Tag-in

May 7 and 8

More details coming

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

4-H LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

In previous years, livestock members were required to participate in a Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training - with the exceptions of Horse & Pony, Llama/Alpaca, Cat, Dog, and Little Critters. This year, a livestock quality assurance program is still required, but there are two options now.

Option 1: In person training of the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program (QLC). Cost is \$3. We have several trainings set for Hendricks County and will share surrounding County options as well.

Option 2: Online training through YQCA. Cost is \$12. Or there is a test out option for an additional fee. Link for YQCA is: www.yqcaprogram.org

You **DO NOT** have to complete **BOTH!** **ONLY ONE** is required. You can pick the best option for you. Additional information will be sent out to all of the members in the projects for which a quality assurance training is required.

Both of these are also the options available for participating in the Indiana State Fair livestock shows for the designated species. If you participate in out of state livestock shows, Indiana QLC does not count.

Dates for the in person Hendricks County trainings are currently:

- April 10; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- May 21; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.
- June 18; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 10 a.m.
- June 18; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.



REMINDER FOR TAG-IN

If you plan on showing **beef, dairy beef, goats, or sheep**, make sure you have your calendars marked for **May 7 and 8** for tag in days!

All sheep, goat, and cattle needing tagged will be done at the same time. This is different than in the past. This will allow those with multiple species to come all at once instead of having to come two separate days.

Additional information and details about tag in will be sent to you soon.

IMPORTANT!

GROOMING ASSISTANCE

Are you an adult wanting to groom in the Hendricks County 4-H Program? Applications are now available in the Extension Office! Be sure to get them in before the deadline!



LIVESTOCK MAILING

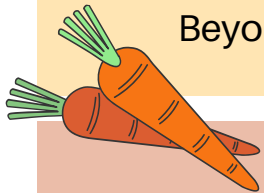
Be on the lookout for a livestock mailing coming to your mailbox! You may receive multiple letters, each with specie specific information! Please make sure to carefully read each letter as they have specific requirements and information! We will also post electronic versions of these letters on our website!

National Nutrition Month

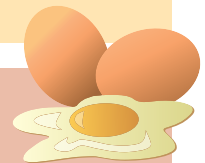
National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign during the month of March developed by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. It aims to educate the public on making informed food choices and develop healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme for National Nutrition Month is "Beyond the Table." Beyond the Table addresses farm-to-fork aspects of nutrition. Educating on food production and distribution, navigating the grocery store and farmers markets, home food safety and storage practices and sustainability, including decreasing our food waste.

Follow our Facebook page this month to follow along as we post bi-weekly on Beyond the Table nutrition topics, provide education and resources.



Tips to Reduce Food Waste in Your Home



1. Plan Meals Based on the Foods you Already Have in your Pantry or Fridge

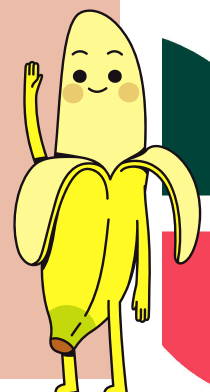
- Look in the refrigerator, freezer and pantry for foods that need to be used up.
- Write a list of the ingredients you still need.
- Buy only the amount of perishable foods that can be eaten or frozen within a few days. This is especially true for foods, like fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy products and seafood.

2. Master the Shelf Life of Foods. Many foods and drinks purchased at the grocery store include a date, which indicates when it should be used or sold by. Because these dates refer to the product's quality, it doesn't necessarily mean they should be thrown out.

3. Get Creative with Leftovers! Transform meals into soups, salads or sandwiches by cutting up leftover veggies and cooked meats.

4. Other Ways to Go Further with Food

- Be mindful of portion sizes. Choose smaller portions to stay within your calorie needs, as MyPlate recommends.
- Order smaller sizes of foods and drinks when eating away from home. Or ask for a to-go container at the start of a meal.
- Learn how to properly can or dehydrate foods at home.
- Donate extra foods that are still safe to eat to a local food pantry or shelter.
- Consider composting.





37TH Annual Spring Gardening Show



GARDENING FOR ALL AGES

Hendricks County Fairgrounds
April 27, 2024 - 9am to 4pm

Event Includes:

- Children’s Activities
- Gardening related vendors
- Gardening Speakers
- For sale- lots of garden decor, tools and treasures
- Trees & Seeds
- Gardening Help Desk
- Food truck on-site

Free Admission

For more information you can check out the Hendricks County Master Gardener webpage: www.hendricksgardeners.com

IMPORTANT 4-H DATES



4-H Youth Council

Monday, March 25th
@ 7 p.m.



March and April Dates

March 4 - Fairboard Meeting; H.C. 4-H Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

March 25 - Youth Council Meeting; H.C. 4-H Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

March 26-28 - Spring Break Programs; Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds- Varies by program.

April 1 - Fairboard Meeting; H.C. 4-H Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

April 22 - Youth Council Meeting; H.C. 4-H Fairgrounds- 7 p.m.

4-H Adult Leaders

NEXT MEETING TBD



Club/Project Meetings in MARCH

4 - Beef Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

4 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

4 - Llama/Alpaca Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

5 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7 p.m.

6- Washington Winners Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

7 - Rabbit Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

11 - Bridle Bunch Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

11 - Mini 4-H Meeting; Pittsboro Fire Dept. @ 6:30 p.m.

12- Sew Savvy SPARK meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 pm

12 - Pittsboro Trailblazers @ 7:00 p.m.

13 - Swine Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

14 - Discovery Club; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

14 - Robotics 101 Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

14 - Jr. Leaders Meeting; Plainfield MADE Center @ 6:30 p.m.

16- Shooting Sports Safety Meeting; South Hall 9-11:30 a.m.

18 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

19 - Sheep Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

19 - Poultry Club Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

19 - 4-H Explorers Meeting; Plainfield Library @ 7 p.m.

20 - Gifted 4-Hers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 6:30 p.m.

20 - Jr. Master Gardeners; Fairgrounds @ 6:00 p.m.

25 - Dog Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

26 - Happy Farmers Meeting; Fairgrounds @ 7 p.m.

28 - Robotics 102 Workshop; Fairgrounds @ 6 p.m.

4-H Fairboard

Monday, March 4th
@ 7 p.m.



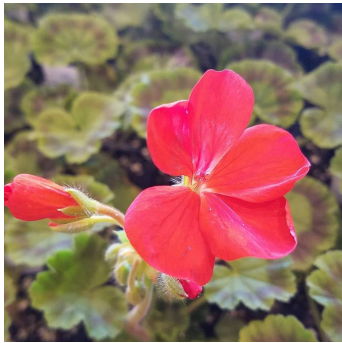
Bad Weather Policy

NOTE: As the weather is constantly changing, we want you to know that SAFETY is the number one concern of Purdue Extension—Hendricks County and Hendricks County 4-H. Therefore, should inclement weather happen, please pay close attention to our website and social media accounts for cancellations. If schools have been canceled for the day, MOST LIKELY 4-H related events will be canceled as well for that day. When bad weather happens, please make sure that you only attend meetings where you are comfortable getting to and from the meetings. Again, we want you to stay SAFE while driving this winter!

Purchasing

Flowers:

You may purchase flowers by ordering them through your local Hendricks County 4-H Members or by calling [317-745-9260](tel:317-745-9260) or email hendrces@purdue.edu.



Pictured:

Above: Red Seed Geraniums
Below: Purple and White Petunias



2024 4-H FLOWER SALE

Orders DUE March 20* to Club Leaders!

*OR before. Check with Club leader for final date.

Club Order Pick Up will be May 2nd and 3rd depending on date selected by club. Your Club leader will confirm date & time.



Drive-Thru Open Sales will be Saturday, May 4th from 8-10 a.m.

Limited quantities available at open sales.

Prices:

Red or Hot Pink Seed Geraniums
\$2.00 each or \$36.00/flat of 18

Purple or White Wave Petunias
\$5.00 per Plant or \$75/flat of 15

All proceeds go to local 4-H Clubs for activities and to the Hendricks County 4-H Youth Council to support county 4-H programming, sending youth on 4-H trips, awards, and more.