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Clover Close-Up

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2023-24 Enrollment Facts

- Enrollment opens October 1, 2023.
- Enroll at v2.4honline.com.
- **Important: Update your mailing address, phone numbers and email address, including emergency contacts.**
- Regular 4-H enrollment is open to youth in grades 3 thru 12.
- Mini 4-H is for children in Kindergarten thru 2nd grade.
- Enrollment fees for 2023-2024 is \$15 for regular 4-H, with a maximum of \$45 per family.
- Fees for Mini 4-H will be \$5 per child.
- Confirm that your child's school grade and years in 4-H are correct.
- You will be required to select a Club that you would like to participate in, if you have questions about club selection, please contact the Extension Office.
- You will also need to select at least one project that you would like to complete.
- Follow our Facebook page for updates, program opportunities and weather related cancellations.
- Bookmark our website: <https://extension.purdue.edu/county/kosciusko/>
- New and returning Adult Volunteers will need to also complete enrollment beginning October 1st with a deadline of June 1, 2024.

2023 Kosciusko County 4-H Highlights

2023 Kosciusko County 4-H Royalty Court

*King Charlie Krull
Queen Reese Rowland
Princess Callie Holland*



2023 Kosciusko County

*4-H Supreme Showman
Caleb Lechlitner*



Enrollment Opens October 1st

4-H Enrollment will open October 1st. This is for all Mini 4-H members, regular 4-H members, and new & returning Volunteers. Log into 4HOnline at v2.4honline.com. Don't miss out on all of this fun!



Committee Superintendents

We are now a few weeks removed from the county fair which means that we need to start the processes for change this next season.

It is very important that we get this paperwork back in a timely manner, please make this a priority for yourself. The better prepared we are going into a new program year, the better the program will be.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the Extension Office at 574-372-2340.

ALL FORMS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2023.

Club Leaders

Thank you for everything you do for the 4-H program. Volunteers truly are the heart of 4-H and are crucial to our success.

We are actively preparing information for our members as October will be here before we know it. As we transition to the new year, some initial paperwork is needed from you to help with the communication points to families.

If you are not going to be the leader of your club for the 2023-2024 year, please work with us to find a replacement for your position, but also notify Andrew as soon as possible because there is some paperwork we need to complete before we transition the club to another leader or close it.

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Clover Close-Up Newsletter

The Clover Close-Up Newsletter is the official newsletter for Kosciusko County 4-H. Event dates, deadlines, and other important information are communicated from the Extension Office to Clubs, Committees and Families through the newsletter on a monthly basis. Please be sure to read the newsletter each month in its entirety.

This is the time to let the Extension Office know how you want to receive the newsletters each month, via email or postal mail. Please email graff8@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340 with your preference.

Rule Change Timeline

- ⇒ ALL Rule Changes are due by **Friday, September 29 at 4:30 PM**
- ⇒ Prior to the Sept. 29 deadline, project committees need to meet to go over rule proposals and decide which rule proposals to submit.
- ⇒ The rules get submitted to the Extension Office and they organize them for 4-H Council to review.
- ⇒ 4-H Council reviews and votes for approval or disapproval of all rule submissions in the Oct.-Dec. 4-H Council meetings.
- ⇒ After 4-H Council voting, approved rules get returned back to project committees for communication to project members.
- ⇒ The rule changes will then be published in the 2023-24 Guidebook.

Mentorship Program

New Family Mentorship Program

Over the last few years, we have heard many families talk about the struggles they had with understanding enrollment, following the enrollment process, and understanding what it takes to complete a 4-H Project. Our goal is to partner a new family with a veteran family.

The veteran family would then help mentor a new to 4-H family through all of the processes. We would like to ease the feeling that new families have of being unwelcomed and forgotten.

If you would like to be part of this mentoring experience and help a new to 4-H family, please email Andrew at adferrel@purdue.edu or call 574-372-2340.

Thank you for your consideration to be a part of this program.

New Volunteer Information

Now is the time to begin recruiting new volunteers to be on your Committee or Club Leadership Team. If you know of someone that would be a good addition to our Volunteer team, please be sure to send them our way.

Volunteers offer the nurturing, vision, commitment, skills, creativity, dedication and wisdom that can significantly impact the development of our young people.

A 4-H volunteer is many things - mentor, advisor, friend, teacher, referee, role model, pacesetter and so much more. More importantly, a 4-H volunteer genuinely cares about our youth and wants to help them learn and grow.

Volunteering is a privilege and no previous experience in 4-H is necessary. All you need is the time and interest to be a positive and committed role model in their lives. Everyone has something they can share, whether it is a special skill, knowledge or talent.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer in Kosciusko County must complete the following steps:

- ⇒ Contact the Extension Office to express your interest in becoming a Volunteer
- ⇒ Complete, sign and return the Paper Volunteer Application
 - ◆ Include three non-related references (the Extension Office will mail out forms to the references listed on the Volunteer Application)
 - ◆ Consent to a background check
 - ◆ Provide copy of Government issued photo ID
- ⇒ Complete enrollment on 4HOnline
 - ◆ Agree with the Adult Behavioral Expectations
 - ◆ Agree with Vehicle Use Policy
 - ◆ Complete ALL 4 (four) required online training module
- ⇒ Once all the above steps have been completed, your enrollment status in 4HOnline will be approved and then you will be considered an Approved Screened Volunteer.

Thank You to Our 4-H Volunteers!

Another 4-H year is in the books at the end of this month. And what a year it was! We love to see all the familiar faces at various 4-H events along with the many new faces that join our program each year. With over 530 youth members and 120 Mini 4-H members, we have a program to be proud of! And let's not forget the over 259 adult volunteers that make our program such a huge success. Without each and every adult volunteer, from club leaders to livestock committee members to show ring help, our 4-H program would not exist. Thank you, truly, to all of you that give of your time, talent and energy for the youth of our county! We could not do it without you.



Upcoming Events

National 4-H Week
October 1-7, 2023

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. We are America's largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

During this week and all year long, help us celebrate opportunity for ALL kids.

It's Paper Clover Time!
October 4-15, 2023



Support our county and state 4-H programs by partnering with Warsaw's Tractor Supply Store.

State Fair Non-Animal Result

Ribbons are awarded using the following criteria:

- Green – Participation
- White – Poorly constructed or barely meets exhibit requirements
- Red – Adequately constructed or does not fully meet exhibit requirements
- Blue – Very complete exhibit, meets exhibit requirements, and is well constructed
- Orange – Exceptional blue ribbon exhibit (Merit)

Sawyer Anderson	Health, Beginner	Red
Addison Armstrong	Fine Arts, Intermediate	Blue
Addison Armstrong	Floriculture Floral Display, Level C	Orange
Addison Armstrong	Needle Craft, Intermediate	Blue
Avery Armstrong	Fine Arts, Intermediate	Blue
Avery Armstrong	Needle Craft, Intermediate	Blue
Gentry Bouse	Sewing Construction Wearable, Grade 6	Blue
Boston Brubaker	Sport Fishing, Advanced	Blue
Lincoln Brubaker	Shooting Sports Education, Beginner	Blue
Randi Colbert	Shooting Sports Education, Intermediate	Blue
Colton Crabb	Photography Color Prints, Advanced	Blue
Kinley Crabb	Arts & Craft General, Intermediate	Blue
Kinley Crabb	Photography Color Prints, Intermediate	Blue
Kinley Crabb	Sewing Construction Wearable, Grade 7	Blue
Nolan Crabb	Photography Color Prints, Beginner	Blue
Bethany Crumbley	Creative Writing, Intermediate	Orange
Lydia Engle	Poultry Poster or Display, Beginner	Orange
Audrey Fitzsimmons	Sewing Construction Non Wearable, Grade 6	Orange
Darby Fitzsimmons	Sewing Construction Non Wearable, Grade 3	Blue
Adeline Garr	Foods Baked, Level D	Blue
Carmen Goon	Photography Color Salon Print, Beginner	Blue
Evan Goshert	Aerospace, Beginner	Red
Carter Grady	Electric, Advanced	Blue
Kenlee Grady	Consumer Clothing Intermediate	Blue
Kenlee Grady	Foods Baked, Level C	Blue
Lydia Guthrie	Wildlife, Advanced	Blue
Hailey Hall	Child Development, Level C	Blue
Sophia Harrod	Photo Creative Experimental Salon, Beginner	Red
Seth Helvey	Forestry, Advanced	Orange
Annalisa Hertzler	Construction & Architectural Replica, Advanced	Blue
Evelyn Hertzler	Aerospace, Intermediate	Orange
Melanie Hertzler	Aerospace, Advanced	Blue
Sienna Holder	Foods Baked, Level D	Blue
Talia Holder	Floriculture Floral Display, Level D	Blue
Hunter Hughes	Construction & Architectural Replica, Beginner	Blue
Carter Imhoff	Construction & Architectural Replica, Intermediate	Blue
Carter Imhoff	Soil & Water Science, Intermediate	Blue
Hunter Imhoff	Creative Writing, Beginner	Blue
Hunter Imhoff	Geology, Beginner	Red
Hunter Imhoff	Soil & Water Science, Beginner	Red
Hunter Imhoff	Sport Fishing, Beginner	Blue
Isabell Irwin	Foods Baked, Level B	Blue
Landon Jagger	Computer, Intermediate	Blue
Ella Jarrett	Cake Decorating, Advanced	Orange
Ella Jarrett	Rabbit Poster or Display, Advance	Blue
Lillian Jarrett	Cake Decorating, Intermediate	Blue
Logan Johnson	Fire Arts, Advanced	Blue
Lyllian Johnson	Needle Craft, Advanced	Blue
Amy Joy	Woodworking, Level C	Blue
Charlie Knepp	Fine Arts, Beginner	Blue
Charlie Krull	Arts & Craft General, Advanced	Orange
Halle Lechlitrner	Foods Baked, Level B	Blue
Halle Lechlitrner	Sewing Construction Wearable, Grade 5	Orange
Hayden Lechlitrner	Veterinary Science, Advanced	Red
Jasmin McKinley	Creative Writing, Advanced	Blue
Adalyn Meyer	Rabbit Poster or Display, Beginner	Orange
Miranda Moneyheffer	Cake Decorating, Beginner	Blue
Elizabeth Overstreet	Fine Arts, Advanced	Red
Isaak Petre	Model Craft, Beginner	Red
Caroline Raber	Cat Poster or Display, Beginner	Orange
Caroline Raber	Veterinary Science, Beginner	Blue
Isabelle Rettinger	Floriculture Floral Display, Level B	Red
Isabelle Rettinger	Foods Preserved, Level B	Blue
Isabelle Rettinger	Forestry, Intermediate	Blue
Isabelle Rettinger	Health, Intermediate	Orange
Isabelle Rettinger	Weather & Climate Science, Intermediate	Blue
Isabelle Rettinger	Wildlife, Intermediate	Orange
Isaiah Richardson	Arts & Craft General, Advanced	Blue
Quinlynn Risedorph	Arts & Craft General, Beginner	Blue
Quinlynn Risedorph	Child Development, Level A	Blue
Quinlynn Risedorph	Foods Baked, Level A	Red
Quinlynn Risedorph	Genealogy, Division 2	Blue
Trevor Roberts	Electric, Level 3	Blue
Brooklyn Roose	Photography Color Salon Print, Advanced	Red
Logan Schuller	Single Vegetable Peppers Chili Type	Blue
Logan Schuller	Single Vegetable Squash, Straight or Gooseneck	Red
Logan Schuller	Soil & Water Science, Advanced	Orange
Zackary Schultz	Model Craft, Advanced	Blue
Zackary Schultz	Shooting Sports Education, Advanced	Blue
Anna Stevens	Child Development, Level C	Blue
Owen Stevens	Computer Advanced	Blue
Taelyn Tom	Photography Black & White Salon Print, Advanced	Red
Braxton Troyer	Forestry, Beginner	Blue
Brynn Van Laeken	Arts & Craft General, Beginner	Blue
Brynn Van Laeken	Consumer Clothing, Beginner	Blue
Brynn Van Laeken	Sewing Construction Wearable, Grade 4	Blue
Brynn Van Laeken	Wildlife, Beginner	Blue
Joanna Van	Fine Arts, Beginner	Blue
Joanna Van	Sewing Construction Wearable, Grade 3	Blue
Andrew Wise	Electric, Level 2	Blue
Cameron Zimmerman	Consumer Clothing, Advanced	Orange
Cameron Zimmerman	Foods Preserved, Level D	Blue



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I would like to take a minute to thank everyone for all of your thoughts and prayers on the loss of my husband in August. It was quite unexpected and I am learning to live my new reality one day at a time. It's amazing to be surrounded by such warm and caring people like all of you! Thank you, again! And God bless you!

~Tami Graff