



# Today's Indiana 4-H Program



**Indiana 4-H Livestock Volunteer Conference**

Seymour, IN

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# Indiana 4-H Mission and Vision

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# 4-H Program Delivers Research-Based Education

- Federal program through USDA
- Part of the land-grant university system (Purdue)
- Program design and delivery is focused on Essential Elements of Positive Youth Development research

## Belonging

- Positive relationship with a caring adult
- An inclusive environment
- A safe environment

## Mastery

- Engagement in learning
- Opportunity for mastery

## Independence

- Opportunity to see oneself as an active participant in the future
- Opportunity for self-determination

## Generosity

- Opportunity to value and practice service to others



# Indiana 4-H Youth Development Strategic Initiatives 2013-2018

1. We will expand programming to serve new, diverse, and underserved audiences.

2. We will expand volunteer recruitment strategies to recruit more diverse volunteers and provide all volunteers with meaningful development opportunities.

3. We will provide youth with career development and college readiness opportunities.

4. We will program in three primary mission areas: Science, Healthy Living, Citizenship/Leadership



# Indiana 4-H efforts toward accomplishing its strategic initiatives

## Marketing Campaigns

Life's Little Questions; 4-H Grows

## Educational Workshops

4-H Round-Up, 4-H Academy @ Purdue,  
4-H Experience @ Purdue, Teens as Teachers

## Mission Area Teams

Science, Citizenship, Healthy Living



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- MEET NEW FRIENDS
- LEARN FUN STUFF WITH PROJECTS

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# COOKING UP A STORM RESULTS IN A KITCHEN TORNADO?

## JOIN THE CLUB

Growing great kids is easier when you have a team of people behind you. Join 4-H—the club of families who share in teaching kids practical things like pet care, growing gardens or identifying rocks, and important values like responsibility. Whether you're in the city or boonies, join 4-H and we'll tackle life's little questions together.

[www.JoinIndiana4-H.org](http://www.JoinIndiana4-H.org)

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**4-H GROWS**





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## **Volunteer Development**

4-H Volunteer e-Forum, Livestock Volunteer Conference

## **4-H Curriculum**

Commitment to review and update educational materials

## **Incorporation of technology**

Online 4-H enrollment system, Robotics, Biotechnology





# Policies designed to help Indiana 4-H reach its strategic initiatives

## Volunteer application and screening process

- Insure we include adults who have the youths' best interests in mind
- "Operating Programs for Minors" Training – youth safety and reporting child abuse
- New 4-H Volunteer Orientation

## Risk management

- Annual accident/injury insurance for all members and volunteers
- Liability insurance for staff and volunteers
- Financial accounting/reporting procedures
- Basic safety guidelines



# Closing Thoughts

- The 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator has the important role of administering the county-based program, ensuring that federal and state 4-H program policies are followed, while meeting local community needs.
- Education always has been and must remain our primary focus. Competition, while recognized as an important part of 4-H, cannot be the driving force of our program.
- If we aren't delivering the best educational programs to the youth we serve, someone else will.
- When we say, "It's all about the kids", then we must truly believe it and serve as positive role models for youth and adults.
- All staff and volunteers in our programs must work together to accomplish the 4-H Program's goals.



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