



Clover Patch

FALL ENROLLMENT EDITION

Calendar of Events

October

**Dates that the Extension
will be Closed:**

13 Columbus Day

4-H Council Meeting

October 23—7PM

4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

November

**Dates that the Extension
will be Closed:**

11 Veteran's Day

27-28 Thanksgiving

Exe. Livestock Meeting

November 4—7PM

4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

4-H Junior Leaders

November 5—6:30PM

4-H Dining Hall

Fair Board Meeting

November 11—7PM

4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

4-H Council Meeting

November 20—7PM

4-H Expo Hall Conf Room

December

**Dates that the Extension
will be Closed:**

Dec. 24-25 Christmas

Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Fair Dates

Adams County 4-H Fair

July 19-23, 2026

Indiana State Fair

August 7-23, 2026

Fall is Here; so is 4-H Enrollment...

It seems absolutely impossible that October is upon us and we welcome fall which includes the crisp air, beautiful colored leaves, pumpkins, farmers busy in the fields and for some a very busy fall schedule of sports, school and family fun.



October also means that we would like to welcome you to a new year for the Adams County 4-H Program ! We hope that you had a great time and an amazing experience in 4-H last year and you have taken time to reflect on the year you have had and thankful for the opportunities you have been given; remembering that even those times that seemed hard helped make you the person you are in this moment.

Get Enrolled for 2026...

I encourage you to invite a friend to give 4-H a try for the year. Maybe you have extra barn space or a common interest in cake decorating, photography or woodworking. Whatever the case may be, think about how much fun you have in 4-H and how much fun it would be if your non 4-H friends joined along with you ! !

Enrollment Deadline

Enrollment is officially open: October 1, 2025 to January 15, 2026

4-H Enrollment is and easy process...

1. Complete enrollment via the 4-H Online Enrollment system v2.4honline.com
2. Pay annual 4-H Program Fee
\$5.00 for Mini 4-H (Grades K - 2)
\$20.00 for 4-H (Grades 3-12)
3. Contact Purdue Extension - Adams County if you have any questions about 4-H or need any additional assistance to complete the enrollment process.
We are always happy to help!

ENROLL IN 4-H TODAY



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Finishing Up Details for 2025...

Thank You Notes are a Must

The end of the year is a great time to reflect on who has assisted you or made an impact in your life throughout the year. This can come in the form of a family member who assisted with a project, 4-H volunteer who spent time with and believed in you, an auction supporter or award sponsor who financially supported you or the 4-H program which you benefited from. **It truly isn't too late to show gratitude.**

Sometimes life gets busy and we minimize the impact on sending a Thank You to someone for their generosity. I have found myself in this very situation, thinking "oh they won't miss a note from me". The truth is there are many reasons it is necessary to write a note of appreciation, check those reasons out.

Please remember it is never too late to write a note of appreciation to those who have shared kindness with you.



Deposit those Investment Checks

Did you earn a Grand Champion or win your species Premier Showmanship this year?

You would have gotten a postcard about your Investment Check courtesy of Custom Car Care with all the information needed to claim those funds. If you haven't cashed that check... get to the bank today !

Cash those Auction Checks

If you still have an auction check to cash... get to the bank today !!

Please realize some banks will not take checks after 6 months from the date they were written; don't delay any longer getting to bank.



Looking Ahead to 2025-2026 4-H Year...

New Adams County 4-H Rule Books will be available online in 2026

As we look ahead to 2026, we want to share that the 4-H Catalog will be going digital in January!

This change will make it easier than ever for families to find what they need. With just a few clicks, you'll be able to access rules, project details, and important information right from your phone, tablet, or computer.

Don't worry, we realize that some families still enjoy flipping through a printed book. Printed copies will still be available in the Extension Office—just stop in to pick one up.

Going online helps us stay current in today's digital world, also keeping information updated, convenient, and more budget and eco-friendly. Whether you prefer the ease of digital or comfort of a paper copy, we're here to make sure you have what you need for another great 4-H year!

Indiana 4-H... So much more than the County Fair

4-H is America's largest youth development organization; empowering nearly 6 million young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. In 4-H, 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.

Indiana 4-H Mission:

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who positively impact their community and world.

Indiana 4-H Vision:

Indiana 4-H Youth Development strives to be the premier, community based program empowering young people to reach their full potential.



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Awesome Opportunities Available for Teens

Junior Leaders

What is 4-H Junior Leaders?

The Junior Leader Club offers 4-H members in grades 7-12 countywide opportunities to meet and serve the community.

Junior Leaders will be given the opportunity to develop skills in the area of Civic Engagement, Leadership, Entrepreneurship and more through a variety of hands-on experiences throughout the year.

Adams County 4-H Jr Leaders

on social media for updates and reminders.



adamscounty4hjrleaders



Earn assured admission, college credits and thousands of dollars in savings.

Purdue Fast Start

For More Information:
purdue.university/faststart

Calling all 7-12 Graders...

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H

JUNIOR LEADERS

CALLOUT MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

6:30 - 8 PM

4-H DINING HALL

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GREAT FRIENDS. WHILE MEETING NEW ONES!

ENJOY FUN GAMES. AND GREAT CONVERSATION AS WE DISCUSS HOW WE

WANT ADAMS COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS TO LOOK FOR 2025- 2026.

Forever Grateful

FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS, IT HAS BEEN MY HONOR TO SERVE THE YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND VOLUNTEERS OF ADAMS COUNTY 4-H. TOGETHER, WE'VE CHEERED ON ACHIEVEMENTS BIG AND SMALL, MADE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITY, CELEBRATED FAIR WEEKS, AND WATCHED YOUNG PEOPLE GROW INTO LEADERS WHO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY PROUD

THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING ME INTO YOUR COMMUNITY FRESH OUT OF GRADUATE SCHOOL AND FOR BEING PATIENT AS I LEARNED AND GREW INTO THIS ROLE. YOU HAVE CELEBRATED MILESTONES WITH ME—WELCOMING MY FAMILY AS IF THEY WERE YOUR OWN, REJOICING AS SHAUN AND I GOT MARRIED, WATCHING AS ABBEY AND ELISE GREW UP, AND WALKING BESIDE ME THROUGH THE GRIEF OF LOSING MY DAD IN 2022. MY OWN FAMILY HAS GROWN UP RIGHT ALONGSIDE THIS PROGRAM, WE HAVE ALL SHARED IN THE FAIRS, THE LATE NIGHTS/WEEKENDS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE FRIENDSHIPS—AND WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THE WAY YOU EMBRACED US AS PART OF YOUR 4-H FAMILY.

WHILE I BEGIN A NEW CHAPTER AS THE 4-H EDUCATOR IN KOSCIUSKO COUNTY, PLEASE KNOW THE SPIRIT OF ADAMS COUNTY 4-H WILL ALWAYS BE WITH ME. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE 18 YEARS TRULY UNFORGETTABLE.

Thank You Adams County!!
Amy Rumschlag



Adams County 4-H Volunteer Corner

Updates, Information and Available Opportunities for YOU

Yearly Volunteer Commitment

Volunteers must recommit volunteer efforts annually in order to continue serving in a volunteer role with the Adams County 4-H Program. Simply log into your 4HOnline account to complete this process and please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance.

The 4HOnline system will **open October 1** for volunteers to be able to do this, we are asking that you make this recommitment a priority and realize that this must be **completed** before acting on behalf or working with the youth of the Adams County 4-H Program.

Adams County 4-H Meeting Dates

4-H Club Leaders please get your meeting dates set for 2026 and forward them to Purdue Extension—Adams County ASAP or by **December 15, 2025**.



VOLUNTEER TODAY.
INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.

— AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER — YOU WILL...

- Be part of the organization that has been making the best better for more than 100 years.
- Share your interests and skills with 4-H youth in a learning-by-doing environment.
- Have fun with youth and learn with them.
- Discover new friends and experiences while making a difference.



PURDUE EXTENSION - ADAMS COUNTY

Seeking

BOARD MEMBERS

WE HAVE CURRENT BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES

Seeking Volunteers for:

Adams County 4-H Council
Adams County Extension Board
Adams County Fair Board

Please consider volunteering to serve; contact Purdue Extension of Adams County by December 15 for more information and to submit bio to be put on the ballot.



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**ENROLL IN 4-H
TODAY**

4-H Enrollment October 1 - January 15

ENROLL ONLINE AT:
V2.4HONLINE.COM

OPEN TO YOUTH IN GRADES K - 12
MINI 4-H: K - 2ND GRADES
4-H: 3-12TH GRADES

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v2.4honline.com

Sign Up for 4-H, Add/Drop 4-H Projects,
Enroll Livestock, Upload Scholarships,
Register for 4-H Camp/Trip Opportunities

adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com

Make entries for specific exhibits intended
for exhibition at the Adams County 4-H Fair

Purdue Extension Web

extension.purdue.edu/adams

4-H Online Enroll in 4-H & Identify Animals
v2.4honline.com

Fair Entry Sign up for fair exhibition
adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com



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Follow Adams County 4-H on Social Media for important updates and reminders in addition to pictures from events and opportunities.

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