



# Clover Patch

January 2026

## Calendar of Events

### January

#### 4-H Enrollment Deadline

January 15

#### Annual Meeting

4-H Council, Extension Board and Fair Board  
January 26—7:00PM  
4-H Fairgrounds

#### Fair Board Fundraiser

January 31—4-8PM  
4-H Expo Hall

#### Animal ID Deadline

May 15

#### June 4-H Trips

**4-H Camp** Grades 3-6  
June 3-5, 2026  
Epworth Forest

**4-H Academy** Grades 9-12  
June 10-12, 2026  
Purdue University

**4-H Round Up** Grades 7-8  
June 10-12, 2026  
Purdue University

**Mini 4-H Camp** Grades K-2  
TBD  
4-H Fairgrounds

**4-H Paperwork Deadline**  
July 1 by 4:00PM  
Due to Extension Office

**4-H Fair Entry Deadline**  
July 1 by 4:00PM  
Due online:  
[adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com](http://adamscountyindiana.fairentry.com)

**Adams County 4-H Fair**  
July 19-23

**Indiana State Fair**  
August 7-23

As families reflected on 2025 and looked ahead to 2026 over the holidays, we hope 4-H was part of the conversation. In our house, it brought back plenty of laughs—summer camp memories, fair adventures, and those last minute project finishes!



If you haven't completed your **2026 4-H enrollment**, please remember the **January 15 deadline**. Enrolling on time is important for receiving communications and taking part in county, area, state, and national 4-H opportunities.

**After January 15th**, we no longer pull inactive members (those enrolled in 2024-2025, but have not enrolled for 2025-2026) reports for communication.

With a few changes coming in 2026 at the Adams County Extension Office, some 4-H information will be shared **digitally and/or by email**. Don't worry—**free printed copies** will still be available upon request. If you would like a printed copy, please contact **Missy** at [mssmitle@purdue.edu](mailto:mssmitle@purdue.edu).

#### What's going digital?

#### 4-H Catalog

The 4-H Catalog will be posted on our **website** in January.

#### Clover Patch (4-H Newsletter)

Beginning in 2026, the *Clover Patch* will be:

- Emailed to the **family email** listed in 4HOnline
- Shared on **social media**
- Posted on our **website**

#### **Want more than one family member to receive the newsletter?**

You can easily add additional email addresses in 4HOnline:

1. Log in to your **4HOnline** account (see above for the link)
2. Select the blue **View** button next to the 4-H member's name
3. Click **Edit** next to the profile
4. Scroll to the **Member Email** section (5th box) and add an email address

To add another email:

Go to the **Second Family Info** section

1. Click **Edit** next to Second Family Info.
2. Enter an email address in **Box 3**

This will ensure multiple family members receive the *Clover Patch*. If you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact Missy.

# 4-H Club Meetings

## Township Club Meetings

An important part of a great 4-H experience is finding a club that is a good fit for you! Each club is unique in their amount of education, service and events.

Did you know that you don't have to join 4-H in the township that you live in?? That is right, you can be a member of any Adams County 4-H Club. If your friends are part of a different club or if you have interested in testing out another one, please do!

Here is a list of **Township Clubs** for 4-H Members (**3-12 grades**) with dates that leaders have supplied to date. Future newsletters will be updated with meeting dates as they become available.

Check the 4-H Catalog for Leader contact information!

**Blue Creek Sodbusters** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Blue Creek Up and At It** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Commodore Clovers** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

### French Happy Hoosiers

Meeting locations TBD 6-7:30PM; Pizza meals will be provided at each meeting

March 9 April 13 May 11 June 8

### French Pepper Peppers

Meeting locations will TBD 6-7:30PM;

*For Peppy Pepper meeting updates join Remind: text @frenchpepp to the number 81010*

March 9 April 13 May 11  
June - Community Service/Fun Day

**Jefferson Go-Getters** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Monroe Country Kids** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Preble Pathfinders** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Saint Rose Archers** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**St. Mary's Happy Hustlers** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Union Working Pals** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

### Wabash Cloverleaf

Meeting locations will TBD unless noted; 6:30PM

February 23, Neuenschwander's (601 W 700 S, Berne)  
March 30 April 27 June 1 June 29

**Wabash Workers** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Washington Sequoias** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)



## Mini Club Meetings

Adams County Mini 4-H program is for children enrolled in Kindergarten, First and Second Grade.

Mini 4-H'ers have the opportunity to attend club meetings. Below is complete list of Mini 4-H Clubs with dates that leaders have supplied to date. Future newsletters will be updated with dates as they become available.

Check the 4-H Catalog for Leader contact information!

### Adams Central

**Meetings:** Mondays - April 13, 20, 27  
6-7:00PM @ 4-H Expo Hall, Monroe  
Please drop off/pick up youth at 4-H  
Expo Hall; via west door facing Dining Hall

**North Adams** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**Saint Rose Mini Archers** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

### South Adams

**Meetings:** Saturdays-March 14, 21, April 11  
9-11AM @ First Missionary Church  
Enter at gym door in the back parking lot

**St. Joe** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

**St. Peter/Immanuel** [Contact Leader\(s\)](#)

### Wyneken

**Meetings:** Saturdays-March 28, April 11, 18  
9:30-11AM @ Friedheim

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. 4-H Shooting Sports projects teach safe operation of firearms and archery equipment.

Various grants have provided equipment for all Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines, which means that all equipment is provided for the 4-H'er and families do not need to purchase their own.

## Steps to getting enrolled in Shooting Sports Projects

1. Get enrolled in 4-H by January 15th at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)
2. Sign Up for desired project(s).
3. Pay \$20.00 Indiana 4-H Program Fee
4. Attend first session for desired discipline(s), pay club dues and have fun learning.



## Air Rifle

### For youth in grades 6-12

- Dues: \$20.00 Rifle Dues  
Shoot Times: 6-7PM **OR** 7-8PM **OR** 8-9PM at Bellmont Rifle Range  
January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4  
Awards: February 12, 6:30PM at the Dining Hall, Monroe

## Air Pistol

### For youth in grades 6-12

- Dues: \$20.00 Pistol Dues  
Shoot Times: 6-7PM **OR** 7-8PM **OR** 8-9PM at Bellmont Rifle Range  
February 11, 18, 25, March 4  
Awards: March 12, 6:30PM at the Dining Hall, Monroe

## Archery

### For youth in grades 3-12

- Dues: \$30.00 Archery Dues  
Shoot Times: 4-H Expo Hall, Monroe; Weeks February 2, 9, 16, 23  
Junior (Grades 3-5) Tues/Thurs; 6-7PM February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26  
Intermediate (Grades 6-8) Tues/Thurs; 7-8PM February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26  
Senior (Grades 9-12) Monday, 6-7:30PM February 2, 9, 16, 23  
Awards: Awards will be presented the final night of each session

## BB Gun

### For youth in grades 3-6

- Dues: \$30.00 BB Gun Dues  
Shoot Times: 1-2:30PM **OR** 2:30-4PM at 4-H Expo Hall, Monroe  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Make-up date April 2; 6-7:30PM  
Awards: April 9, 7PM at the 4-H Expo Hall  
Sign up with time preference at <https://bit.ly/BBGun2026>

## Shotgun

### For youth in grades 7-12

- Dues: \$10.00 weekly cost for Supplies (2 boxes of Ammo and Clay Targets)  
Shoot Times: 1 Hour Session (1-2PM, 2-3PM, 3-4PM, 4-5PM) at Wells County Conservation Club  
Sundays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 April 12, 19, 26  
Awards: May 17, 1PM Wells County Conservation & Gun Club

## Muzzleloading

### For youth in grades 5-12

- Dues: \$30.00 Muzzleloading Dues  
Shoot Times: 3-6PM at St Mary's Bluecreek Conservation Club  
April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10  
Awards/Fun Shoot: May 17; 3PM at St. Mary's Bluecreek Conservation Club



# Adventure Awaits...

for our 7-12 graders

## Junior Leaders

### Looking for ALL 7-12th Graders!

Adams County 4-H Junior Leaders is designed to give 4-H members in 7-12th grade the opportunity to develop their leadership skills. Junior Leaders provide guidance to younger 4-H members, assist with local and county 4-H activities, complete community service projects, meet new friends and have FUN!!

**Join us for Junior Leaders and let make a difference in Adams County!**

**Join us for Upcoming  
Junior Leader Meeting  
(more meetings TBA later)**

**January 15, 2026**

**Bowling for a Cause**

6-8PM at Villa Lanes, Decatur

**Item(s) to Bring:**

Bring 2-3 brand new children's books to be donated to Kate's Kart  
(kateskart.org)

**OR**

2-3 Coloring Books/Colored Pencil/Marker sets to be donated to  
Energized by Ebony

**To be Determined**

Mini 4-H Camp Date

**Congratulations to the  
2025-2026**

**Junior Leader Officers**

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| President          | Elise Rumschlag              |
| Vice President     | Katelyn Borne                |
| Treasurer          | Addelyne Jordan              |
| Secretary          | Veronica Franz               |
| Recreation Leaders | Breanna Sinn & Kennedy Gerig |



## Camp Counselors Needed

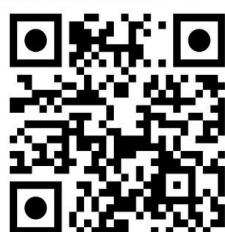
Interested in serving as a Counselor at the 2026 Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp?

We are currently seeking youth in 9-12 grade to serve as 4-H Camp Counselors.

- Applications Available Online
- Due on/before
  - February 1 to your County Extension Office

<https://bit.ly/20264-HCampCounselor>

**Scan Me**



Open until  
February 1, 2026!



@AdamsCounty4-HJr Leaders

@adamscountyjr.leaders

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# 2026 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

## Senior Year Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in their senior year of high school

## Club Scholarship

Available to 4-H members entering Purdue University majoring in the College of Agriculture or select majors in the College of Health and Human Sciences

## Purdue Horticulture & Landscape Architecture Scholarship

Available to a 4-H member majoring in horticulture or landscape architecture at Purdue University and studied plant science in 4-H.

## Accomplishment Scholarship

Available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 of high school and the year immediately following high school graduation. The purpose of the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship is to recognize youth who have excelled in life skills development through their 4-H activities and involvement.

**Categories:** Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science. Three additional categories are reserved for applicants demonstrating life skills development in more than one of the previously listed categories. Those are Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be in grade 10, 11, 12, or their first year immediately following 4-H enrollment eligibility at the time applications are due. While an applicant does not have to be a current 4-H member, they must demonstrate multiple years of involvement in Indiana's 4-H Youth Development Program.

Youth who have previously been awarded a \$1,000 accomplishment scholarship are only eligible to compete in the Premier Achievement, Premier Citizenship, and Premier Leadership categories. Youth who have previously been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship are no longer eligible to compete in any category.

**Awards:** A minimum of thirty \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to youth based on their demonstration of life skills development in these eight categories: Animal Science—Meat and Milk Production; Animal Science—Companion and Small Animal Production; Citizenship; Communications; Engineering and Technological Science; Healthy Living, Food, and Nutrition Science; Leadership Development; and Plant and Environmental Science.

A minimum of one \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded in each of these categories: Premier Achievement; Premier Citizenship; and Premier Leadership.

Visit [bit.ly/4hscholarship](https://bit.ly/4hscholarship) to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

Contact your county's Purdue Extension Office to learn more.

**\$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025**





# Important Livestock Information

## Livestock Identification Dates

All identification dates happen at the Adams County 4-H Fairgrounds, specific details sent to those enrolled in each species.

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Beef                  | March 7th, 7:30-10:30AM  |
| Goat                  | April 24th, 6:30-7:30PM  |
| Starter Calves        | April 18th, 7:30-10:30AM |
| Sheep                 | April 26th, 2-3:30PM     |
| Rabbit Tattoo Night   | June 15th, 6:30PM        |
| Poultry Blood Testing | TBA                      |

## Premise ID

Premise ID is issued by the Indiana Board of Animal Health (BOAH) and serves much like a social security number for your farm. BOAH uses the Premise ID to assist with tracking of animals, especially in the event that an animal health issue arises they are able to help track those animals.

Premise IDs are a seven digit alpha-numeric ID, usually starting with 00.

### Need a Premise ID or have more questions ??

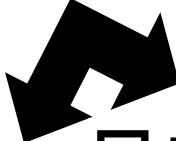
Contact Indiana Board of Animal Health or visit their website.

317-544-2381

[www.in.gov/boah](http://www.in.gov/boah)

[animalid@boah.in.gov](mailto:animalid@boah.in.gov)

If you house animals at another location, check with the property owner for the Premise ID number.



BOAH  
Premise  
ID  
website



## Animal ID Deadline - May 15th

Some livestock have earlier ID days, however those ID days are simply to get animals tagged and weighed. Information is gathered and provided for the family at those ID days but it is your responsibility then to go into the 4HOnline system to officially enter those livestock.

**All animals must be identified and entered into 4HOnline ([v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com));** which is the same place where 4-H'ers enroll themselves in the 4-H program and sign-up for events **by May 15th.**

This does not include:

Cats, Dogs and Small Animals

Poultry are NOT entered online\*

\*Poultry has a paper enrollment form due by **May 15th.**

## Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program

Those youth exhibiting cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and swine must complete an annual animal care certification.

In-person Adams County Quality Livestock Care session information will be To be Announced as soon as the dates are set for the sessions.



ADAMS COUNTY 4-H DOG CLUB....

## INFORMATION MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

6:30PM

4-H DINING HALL, MONROE

Come and get all the important information and updates for Dog Club this year. Leave your dogs at home for this meeting !!



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# Livestock Workshop Information

## Livestock Record Sheet Replacement Workshops

We will continue to offer species workshops to take the place of the Livestock Record Sheets and Activity Sheets that are due July 1.

**The Adams County 4-H Council has asked each livestock species committee to plan at least two workshops to offer education to the youth enrolled in their projects.**

Please understand that to meet the paperwork requirement, you must only attend one workshop per species which you are enrolled in but you are always encouraged to attend as many workshops that are offered so you can increase your livestock knowledge and overall skill for the project.

Stay tuned for more livestock workshop dates as they become available from livestock committees.

## Can't make a workshop?

**That is ok!**

Youth planning to exhibit livestock at the fair will have the option to

- Attend a hands-on workshop **OR**
- Complete and submit the Adams County 4-H Livestock Record Sheet by July 1 paperwork due date.

## Livestock Meetings and Workshops

### Beef and Starter Calf Workshops

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| March 7  | 11AM 4-H Dining Hall |
| April 18 | 11AM 4-H Dining Hall |

### Dairy Club

#### Workshops

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| June 28 | Keith & Lindsey Beer |
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### Spring Banquet & Skill-A-Thon

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| April 12 | 12PM Expo Hall |
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### Goat Club

Meetings at 7PM; 4-H Dining Hall, unless noted

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| February 6 | March 6 |
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| April 4 (6:00pm) | April 24 ID day |
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| June 20—Picnic/Carry-in (6:00pm) |  |
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### Horse and Pony Club

Meetings at 6:00PM; 4-H Dining Hall, unless noted

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| January 4 | February 1 |
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| March 1 | April 12 |
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### Poultry Club

Contact Leader(s)

### Rabbit Club

Meetings at 6:30PM; 4-H Dining Hall, unless noted

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| February 16 | March 16 |
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| April 20 | June 15 Tattoo Night |
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### Sheep Workshops

Meetings at 4PM; 4-H Expo Hall, unless noted

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| January 25 | @ Holly Neuenschwander's Home |
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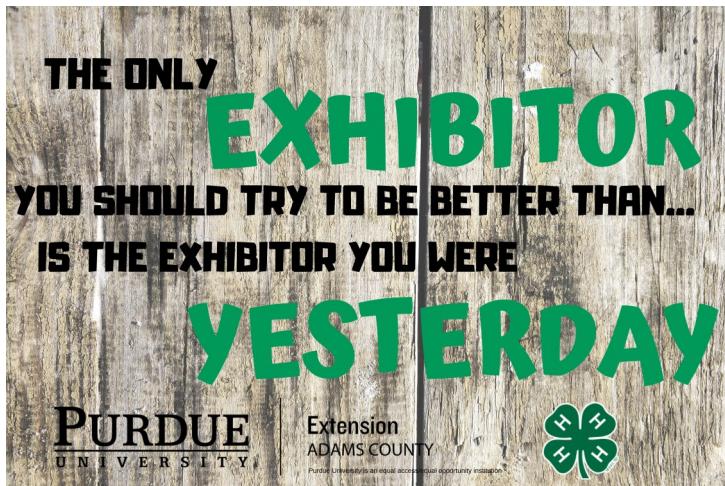
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| February 22 | April 19 |
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### Swine Workshops

Meetings at 6PM; 4-H Dining Hall, unless noted

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| February 24 | April 14 |
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| May 12 | June 9 (Show Arena) |
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# Adams County 4-H Volunteer Corner

Updates, Information and Available Opportunities for YOU

## Required Volunteer Video Series

Volunteers.... So that we can include you in the operation of our 4-H events/activities and the decisions related to the 4-H Program, we are inviting you to complete the 4-H Volunteer re-enrollment process at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com). After you have updated your profile, you will have the opportunity to complete two trainings, which can be completed on your laptop or similar device.

The topics are:

- Youth Protection Program Staff Training
- Youth Program Director Training

## Why is this annual requirement necessary?

You are working with our most valued resource ...our youth ! The videos will also broaden your skills that you will be better prepared to work with them. We are trusted with other people's kids, not just our own. Upon completion of all three training videos, you will be eligible to be placed in a 4-H Volunteer role in Adams County.

## Adams County 4-H Meeting Dates



We appreciate seeing club meeting dates arrive in our office.

As you plan more meetings, let us know so we can help distribute that information to our 4-H families.

## Seeking Adult Volunteers...

Available positions for:

Project Superintendents



**Adults, we need helpers like you to positively influence the youth of our county.**

Here is a list of our immediate volunteer needs, please consider volunteering your time and talents for our youth in Adams County.

## Project Superintendents

Aquatic Science  
Cats  
Consumer Clothing  
Electric  
Garden  
Health  
Microwave Cooking  
Sewing  
Tomato  
Wildlife

Beekeeping  
Collections  
Do Your Own Thing  
Fashion Revue  
Genealogy  
Herbs  
Potatoes  
Small Animals  
Weather

**Contact the Extension Office today to get involved to inspire the next generation!!**

**INDIANA 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

**4-H AFFILIATE SUMMIT**

FOR 4-H EDUCATORS, COUNCIL MEMBERS, & FAIR BOARD MEMBERS

**Southeast:** Jan 22, Jackson County Community Foundation, Seymour, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Northwest:** Jan 24, White County Extension Office, Reynolds, 9:30 am-12:30 pm  
**Northeast:** Jan 27, Whitley County 4-H Center, Columbia City, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Southwest:** Feb 5, Greene County Extension Office, Bloomfield, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
**Central:** Feb 19, Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds & Conf. Center, Danville, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm  
**East Central:** March 9, Blackford County 4-H Fairgrounds, Hartford City, 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**ABOUT THE EVENT**  
All Extension Educators and volunteers are welcome to attend the Indiana 4-H Affiliate Summit. 4-H Council Members, 4-H Fair Board Members, and members of other 4-H affiliate groups will find it especially beneficial to attend alongside their county 4-H educator for a time of learning and networking.

**AGENDA**

- Check In and Connection Meal
- Welcome & Introductions
- Affiliate Updates/Refresher
- Rotating Conversations (Affiliates)
- Professional Development (4-H Staff)
- Q&A and Wrap Up

**REGISTRATION**

- \$15 per person registration fee, meal provided
- Register at least one week before event date via 4-H Online
- Communicate your participation or need for registration assistance to your 4-H Educator
- [20264haffiliatesummit.4honline.com](http://20264haffiliatesummit.4honline.com)

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY** | Extension - 4-H Youth Development

**INSPIRE KIDS TO DO**

In 4-H, kids roll up their sleeves and do with their hands. Their experiences grow the creativity they need for life and career.

**4-H CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT**

SPARK DOING. GROW DISCOVERY AT [4-H.ORG](http://4-H.ORG)

**4-H GROWS HERE**

## Adams County 4-H Volunteer Needed

Continue this your “Call to Action”, We need **YOU** !

# ADAMS COUNTY 4-H INTERESTED IN SERVING IN A VOLUNTEER ROLE ??

WE HAVE A ROLE FOR YOU, NO MATTER HOW  
BIG OR SMALL OF A ROLE YOU WISH TO SERVE.



### Club Leader

- PROVIDE SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP TO A CLUB OF 4-H MEMBERS.
- 4-H CLUB LEADERS WILL HELP INDIVIDUALS ACHIEVE THEIR DESIRED RESULTS AND LEAD THEM THROUGH THEIR 4-H EXPERIENCE. CLUB LEADERS SERVE AS THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AND THE 4-H CLUB.
- TIME COMMITMENT VARIES, MOST CLUBS MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND CONDUCT COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

### Project Superintendent

- THIS IS A VERY DEFINED ROLE TO ASSIST MEMBERS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SUBJECT MATTER INFORMATION RELATED TO A SINGLE PROJECT.
- TIME COMMITMENT VARIES, DEPENDING ON THE PROJECT AND THE DESIRE OF THE VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS.

### Livestock Committee Member

- THIS IS A VERY DEFINED ROLE TO ASSIST MEMBERS WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SUBJECT MATTER INFORMATION RELATED TO A SINGLE PROJECT.
- TIME COMMITMENT VARIES, DEPENDING ON THE PROJECT AND THE DESIRE OF THE VOLUNTEER TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS, ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS.

### Board Member

#### 4-H COUNCIL

- RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITATING THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH OF ADAMS COUNTY THROUGH PURDUE EXTENSION - ADAMS COUNTY.
- TERMS ARE 3 YEARS IN LENGTH, MAY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF 2 TERMS

#### FAIR BOARD

- RESPONSIBLE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE FAIRGROUNDS AND FACILITIES.
- TERMS ARE 4 YEARS IN LENGTH, MAY SERVE A MAXIMUM OF 2 TERMS

**Contact Adams County Extension Office**

**Purdue Extension Adams County today to start volunteering !!**



# ADAMS COUNTY 4-H 4-H COUNCIL



## What is the Adams County 4-H Council?

- RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITATING THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH OF ADAMS COUNTY THROUGH PURDUE EXTENSION - ADAMS COUNTY.

### THE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS ARE:

- TO FACILITATE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PLANNING FOR ADAMS COUNTY, INCLUDING NEEDS ASSESSMENT, PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, RECOGNITION, AND EVALUATION.
- TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTEER STAFF DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING RECRUITMENT, ORIENTATION, AND RECOGNITION.
- TO PROVIDE FOR AND ASSIST WITH MEMBER RECRUITMENT AND RECOGNITION.
- TO PROVIDE FOR AND ASSIST WITH PROGRAM VISIBILITY.
- TO PROVIDE CONTINUING FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
- TO ASSURE THAT THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IS OPERATING COOPERATIVELY WITH OTHER YOUTH-SERVING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
- TO ESTABLISH COUNTY 4-H POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL AND STATE POLICIES AND RESOLVE CONFLICTS RELATING TO 4-H POLICY AND PROGRAM.

## Who can serve on the 4-H Council?

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE 4-H COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF ANY ADULT 4-H VOLUNTEER WITHIN ADAMS COUNTY, ANY PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF A CHILD ENROLLED IN THE 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, AND/OR ANYONE ELSE WITHIN THE COUNTY WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN THE 4-H PROGRAM.

THE ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF 17 DIRECTORS, 13 OF WHOM ARE ELECTED MEMBERS SERVING THREE-YEAR TERMS.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

### How are Council members voted on?

ADAMS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING BY BALLOT VOTE. BALLOTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE WINTER 4-H NEWSLETTER AND AVAILABLE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE. RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

MEMBER TERMS SHALL START AND COMMENCE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING DATE.

MEET THE CANDIDATES  
AND VOTE



Contact Purdue Extension - Adams County for more information

# Adams County 4-H Council Meet the Candidates

**COURTNEY FOX**, was a 10-year member of the Wabash Workers 4-H club. She held various officer positions throughout her years in 4-H, along with being the 2019 Royal Ambassador. When she was in 4-H she showed beef, starter calves, and swine. She also did a few expo hall projects. When Courtney was in high school, she was on the 4-H Council as a student representative. Courtney graduated from Purdue University with a major in Ag. Sales and Marketing with a double minor in Farm Management and Agronomy. She currently works at Truland Equipment on the Precision Ag team. Courtney wants to give back to the 4-H community of Adams County by helping the younger generations. 4-H was a memorable and important aspect of Courtney's childhood that she would like young 4-H members to experience too!

**JESSE FRANCK** was an Adams Central graduate in 2019, and a 10 year member of the Jefferson-Go-Getters and Adams County Goat club. Jesse was also a 4-H ambassador (2019) and a 2020 Summer Intern for Adams County 4-H. Since then, Jesse graduated from Huntington University in 2022 with his undergraduate degrees and 2025 with his MBA. Jesse and his wife, Audrey, just welcomed their firstborn son in December. Jesse works at First Bank of Berne as the Digital Banking Manager. He has served on 4-H council the last three years, and has been treasurer the last two years. Jesse and Audrey attend Pleasant Dale Church where they enjoy serving together.

**NATE HIRSCHY** and his wife, Amy, reside in French Township where they have served as the Goat Club Leaders for over 20 years. They have raised 3 young men, Corbin (wife Ava), Aaron, and Ben, and are elated to be welcoming their first grandson to the family in early December. Nate has been involved with 4-H for many years. He was a 9 year 4H member where he showed dairy goats against his now wife, Amy. Nate has served on the Executive Livestock committee for nearly 15 years and currently serves as the President of the Goat Club. Nate believes that 4H should be educational, fun, and a means of raising the next generation to responsibly lead and serve in the community. Nate is employed at Berne Ready Mix. Nate and Amy are members of First Mennonite Church in Berne where they are heavily involved in various ministries and service outreaches.

**DEVAN ISCH** lives in Berne with her husband, Eric, and their two children, Owen and Claire. She is a proud 10-year 4-H alum who participated in swine, dog club, many projects in the expo hall and active in her club, jr. leaders, and distinguished ambassador . Those years shaped who she is today and sparked her passion for animal care, personal growth, and youth development.

She graduated from Purdue University in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in biology and veterinary nursing with a certificate in practice management and spent 7.5 years working in a mixed-animal veterinary practice before stepping away to raise their children. While her career path has shifted, her heart has always remained with 4-H. She is excited for her own children to grow up in the program and to experience the same lessons, opportunities, and memories that 4-H gave her.

**BRIAN JORDAN** currently resides in Monroe Township and has three active children; Greysen, 12, Addelyne, 17 and Branson, 20. Brian was a 10-year Adams County 4-H member and has remained active in the 4-H Program as a 4-H parent and as a volunteer. Brian has served on the Swine Committee, assisted with Shooting Sports programs and is currently the Archery Leader and Adams County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator and has previously served on 4-H Council. Brian loves helping 4-H families learn how to feed and work with their livestock and has a heart for educating others about the world of agriculture and believes that family is very important, he teaches this through his family involvement in 4-H.

**MARK MESING**, a former 10 year 4-H member currently resides in Ossian, IN. Mark was the 2009 Distinguished Ambassador and 2009 Outstanding 4-H Member. Mark served on council board as Treasurer for 4 years from 2020 to 2024. When Mark was in 4-H he was active in Junior Leaders and Preble Trailblazers where he served as president of both clubs. Mark is currently the superintendent of the Bicycle program. Mark is currently the managing partner at Outback Steakhouse in Fort Wayne.

**ADAM MINNICH** and his wife, Emily reside in Preble Township. Adam has 2 active boys in 4-H; Clayton, 15 and Tyson, 10. Adam was a 10-year member of 4-H, active in the Goat Club and is currently serving on the Goat Committee. Adam was also involved in FFA at Adams Central and serves as a member on the Ag Advisory Board. Adam currently works at Best-One, Monroe and is also a Volunteer Firefight for Preble and Monroe. Adam has lived in the community and has been around the 4-H program for many years and is committed to bringing new ideas to help improve and keep the program going strong for our youth.

**GRACE MOSER** was a 10-year 4-H member of the French Peppy Peppers. During her years in 4-H, she was an active part of her club and served in many different offices, and enjoyed interacting with club members. Grace was also an active member of the Swine project; serving on the Swine Committee for 2 years as a Youth Rep. For two summers, Grace served as a summer intern for the 4-H office, where she played a vital role in planning and coordinating various activities like Mini 4-H Camp, fair stage events, 4-H set-up/clean-up, and much more. For the past year, Grace has served as the Secretary for 4-H Council. Grace graduated with a degree in Elementary Education from Purdue Fort Wayne in the Fall of 2023 and is currently working as a 3rd and 4th-grade teacher at Kingdom Academy in Bluffton.

## Candidates to be Elected for the Adams County 4-H Council

Please vote for up to 6 people, 1 ballot per person accepted.

Announcement of Council Members will be made at the Annual Meeting on January 26.

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ADAMS COUNTY 4-H FAIR BOARD

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**Saturday, January 31  
4:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Adams Co. 4-H Expo Hall,  
Monroe, IN**

FREE WILL  
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**Meal: 4 - 8 pm**

Menu to include: soups, sandwiches,  
cookies, drinks

**Silent Auction: 4:00 - 6:30 pm**

**Live Auction: begins 6:00 pm**

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