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Another year of 4-H started in October and we are already off to an exciting start. Our Enrollment Kickoff was a huge success with the help of our staff and volunteers as we enrolled 4-H members and volunteers.

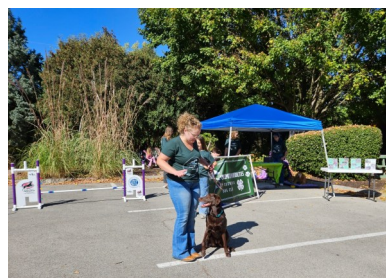
It is important for both our 4-H members and volunteers to complete their annual enrollment process early. This helps ensure you remain informed on all the great things we have to offer. For members, they still have until May to drop and add projects. Don't fret if you aren't sure exactly what you want to do; it's more important to get enrolled early.

We are currently working on updating the rulebook for 2026 and hope to have it complete in a print edition and posted online by January. The biggest change so far is that 4-H members wishing to do any animal posters will select the project "Animal Education Poster". You will then choose all the species posters you wish to exhibit during the FairEntry process in May.

If you have questions about 4-H or need help, please don't hesitate to call 260-481-6826, email allences@purdue.edu, or stop by during office hours.

4-H Enrollment Kick-Off

What a beautiful Day! A special thank you to all the Volunteers and Board Members that helped make this event so successful. We had 39 4-H members enroll at the kick-off! We cannot do it without you!



4-H INFORMATION

Junior Leader Upcoming Events:

Nov. 18: Make holiday cards and gifts for nursing homes

Dec. 9: Visit nursing homes and go Ice Skating

4-H Junior Leaders serve in their communities and act as mentors and role models to younger 4-H members.

To learn more visit puext.in/allen4H



Plant, Pick, Plate Gardening Classes

Discover the joy of gardening and learn the basics of caring for flowers and vegetables through hands on activities. Enjoy fun games, crafts, and nature inspired lessons. This class encourages creativity, curiosity, and a love for the outdoors, all while learning valuable skills about the environment and healthy living.

Nov. 11, Nov. 25, Dec. 9, and Dec. 23

5:30-7 p.m.

Johnnie Mae Farm, 2518 Winter St, Fort Wayne 46803

To register, email allences@purdue.edu or call 260-481-6826

Enroll Today!

Open enrollment for youth and volunteers is officially open! As a reminder, there is an annual \$15 state program fee for youth in grades 3-12. Mini 4-Hers are free to enroll. If you pay by check, please make checks payable to Purdue University.

For returning volunteers, you will have 1 training video to watch. These videos rotate every year. If you are enrolling as a new volunteer, please ensure to select "New Volunteer." When you enroll, you will have to select a volunteer type. There will be a diagram when you get to this step. Please select the type that most describes you.

Enroll here: <https://v2.4honline.com/>



Annual Volunteer In-Person Training

If you are unable to complete your volunteer training online, we are offering an in-person training on Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Extension Office. RSVP to Stephenie Wooten at 260-481-6826 or wooten6@purdue.edu.

* New 4-H Board Members Needed!! *

Do you want to help provide a positive educational experience for our Youth? Do you want to help guide the direction of the 4-H Program in Allen County? Do you want to be a leader in the community?

If you said YES to any of these questions, we encourage you to become a 4-H Board member. As a 4-H Board member, you will help drive the 4-H Program, inspire leadership, and help our youth make the best better.

The 4-H Board consists of 18 volunteers who serve rotating 3-year terms. You may serve up to two terms or six consecutive years. New board members are elected annually at the 4-H Board Annual Meeting.

To be a board member, you must be an active volunteer with Allen County 4-H and submit an application. Find the application at puext.in/allen4H.

Their Mission: Young people in Allen County need creative informal learning opportunities to develop basic life skills. Allen County 4-H Clubs, Inc. bonds families, community and businesses to provide leadership, activities, incentives and support for young people to develop these skills by utilizing various resources of the Cooperative Extension Service.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



November 2025

2, 9 Archery 12pm Beg/2pm Adv @ FG's
 4 4-H Board Meeting 7pm @CEO
 5, 12, 19, 26 .22 Rifle Workshop 6:30-8:30pm
 @Concordia Lutheran High Shooting Range
 10 Therapy Dog Workshop 6pm @CEO
 11 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
 15 Nature Navigators 10pm @Salamonie
 18 Junior Leaders 6:30pm Nursing home cards & gifts
 @CEO
 26-27 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY



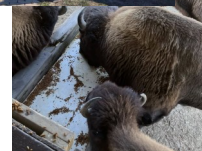
December 2025

2 4-H Board Annual Meeting 6:30pm @FG
 3, 10, 17 .22 Rifle Workshop 6:30-8:30pm
 @Concordia Lutheran High Shooting Range
 9 Junior Leaders 6:30pm Nursing home visit and
 Ice skating @
 24-25 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

January 2025

1 CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY
 6 Volunteer in person annual training 6pm @CEO
 6 Air Rifle Orientation 6:30-7:30pm
 @Hoagland Community Center
 13, 20, 27 Air Rifle Workshop 7:30-8:30pm
 @Hoagland Community Center
 6 4-H Board meeting 7pm @CEO
 17 Nature Navigators 10pm @Pokagon
 19 Swine Committee Meeting 7-9pm @FG's

Nature Navigator Adventures



Follow us on Facebook where we share pictures, important information, and workshop flyers on our page!

Allen County Indiana 4-H: <https://www.facebook.com/AllenCounty4H>

Have photos to share ? We would love to see them! Please feel free to email allences@purdue.edu with a few of your favorites!



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CEO = County Extension Office
 FG's = Fairgrounds
 All dates subject to change

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

WINTER 2026

WINTER 2026 AIR RIFLE

Tuesdays
7:30 - 8:30 pm

Winter Air Rifle Dates:

January 6, 13, 20, 27
February 3, 10, 17, 24
March 3, 10

Hoagland Community Center

4-Hers in grades 4-12 only
Must be enrolled in 4-H to register

REGISTER HERE:

<https://airrifle2026.4honline.com>



WINTER 2026 .22 RIFLE

Wednesdays
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Winter .22 Rifle Dates:

January 14, 21, 28
February 4, 11, 18, 25
March 4, 11, 18

Concordia Lutheran High School

4-Hers in grades 4-12 only
Must be enrolled in 4-H to register

REGISTER HERE:

<https://allen22riflewinter2026.4honline.com>



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Additional thanks to Friends of the NRA for their grant in support of the Allen County 4-H Shooting Sports program.



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ALLEN COUNTY 4-H ANNUAL MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2025

**RSVP BY
NOV. 14, 2025**

Please complete the registration form for each person attending the dinner.



If you would like more information on becoming a 4-H Adult Volunteer, please call 260-481-6440 for an application.

We are excited to welcome you to the Allen County 4-H 2025 Annual Meeting!

The meeting will be held **December 2, 2025** at the Allen County Fairgrounds in the Administration Building. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m.

We will be discussing the future of Allen County 4-H along with electing new Board members.

DINNER WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 PM

**MEETING WILL BEGIN
PROMPTLY AT 7:00 PM**

LEARN MORE AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/4HANNUALMEETING2025](https://bit.ly/4HAnnualMeeting2025)

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact James Wolff prior to the meeting at 260-481-6434 or jmwolff@purdue.edu by November 25, 2025.

For special dietary needs or if you need an interpreter or translator, contact James Wolff at 260-481-6434 or jmwolff@purdue.edu by November 25, 2025.



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