



### Indiana 4-H Mission

FEBRUARY 2025

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development is to provide real-life educational opportunities that develop young people who will have a positive impact in their communities and the world.

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## 4-H Enrollment is still OPEN!

Complete your enrollment so you don't miss our on club meetings, workshops and 4-H fun!

### Youth

3rd-12th grade

Program fee is \$15 per child up to three children, fourth child is free.

Fees are payable by cash or check payable to Purdue University.

### Mini 4-H

Kindergarten-2nd grade

Mini 4-H is \$5 per child and is payable by check to the Benton County 4-H Council.

All youth can enroll using 4-H Online:

[Sign In \(4honline.com\)](https://4honline.com)

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If paying for enrollment with a credit card please use a computer for payment as the portal for credit cards is not mobile friendly.

Also verify your expiration date is correct.

Enrollment can't be approved until payment is received.





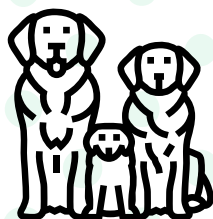
# What's Happening In Benton County 4-H?



**Beef Weigh-in**  
**Wednesday, April 9**  
**5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**



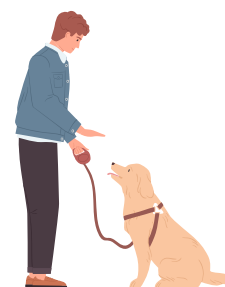
**Goat & Sheep Weigh-in**  
**Thursday, May 8**  
**5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**



## Dog Obedience

Diana Schroeder 765-363-2500  
Deb Orr 765-376-8366

Every Wednesday starting April 2 @ 6:00 p.m.  
Benton County Fairgrounds  
(new building)



## Mini 4-H News

**Hey Mini 4-H Families!!**  
**We will have a parent**  
**information meeting on**  
**Sunday, February 23**  
**at 2:30 p.m.**  
**at the Benton County**  
**Annex in Fowler.**  
**Hope to see you there!**

### Mini 4-H Meeting Dates

Friday, March 14  
Friday, April 11  
Friday, May 16  
Friday, June 20

All meetings will be from  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at the  
Benton County Annex.

You can turn in your  
projects to exhibit at the  
fair on Thursday, July 10  
from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

## Area 9

# Crops Career Development Event

The Benton County 4-H Crops Team participated in the Crops Career Development Event at the Beck Center in West Lafayette. The team met weekly for 8 weeks with Coach Jon Charlesworth to prepare themselves for the event.

Along with completing an Agronomy Exam they also completed testing on grain grading, machinery identification, seed and plant identification and identifying disease damage and insects.

The team competed in the Junior Division and the boys earned impressive placements.

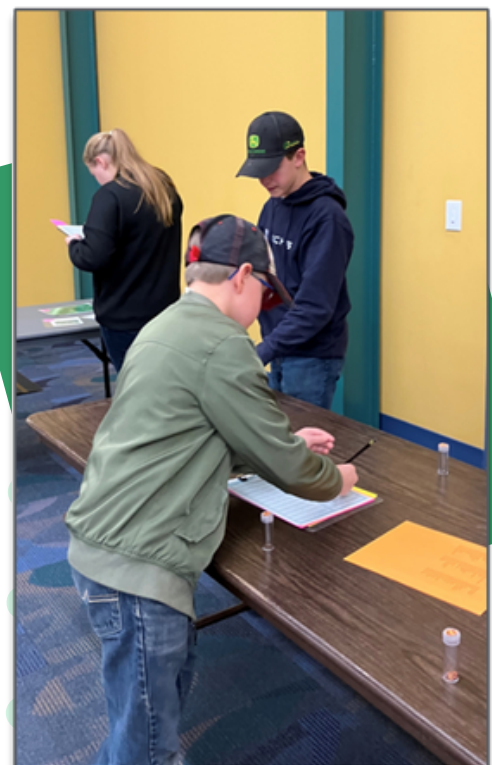
They finished 6th, 7th, 11th and 14th out of 32 total Junior participants!

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**From left to right: Coach Jon Charlesworth, Gideon Fisher, Jonathan Walpe, William Snodgrass & Nathanael Walpe.**

*Great Job!*



# Club Information

## Dan Patch

Emily Matthys Bennett  
765-701-1582  
ematthysbennett@gmail.com

Meetings TBD

## Fowler's Finest

Anne Snodgrass  
765-543-4098  
suitera@hotmail.com  
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Ryan Snodgrass  
765-588-8923  
suitera@hotmail.com

### Meetings

Benton County Annex  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
February 16  
March 9  
April 27  
May 18

## Helping Hands

Niccole McGinnis  
765-426-5478  
nmcginnis99@hotmail.com  
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Kyra McGinnis

Meetings TBD

## Hometown Hubsters

Alex Ardapple  
765-430-2056  
lilardapple@gmail.com

Meetings TBD

## Horse & Pony

Cassie Dalton  
765-404-4038  
cdalton@benton.k12.in.us

Meetings TBD

## Junior Farmers

Kristi Kretzmeier  
765-426-1127  
kretzmeier5@msn.com

### Meetings

Otterbein United  
Methodist Church  
5:00-6:00 p.m.  
March 2  
April 6  
May 4  
June 8  
July 6

## Junior Leaders

Carrie Buck  
765-491-1772  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

### Meetings

Extension Office at 9:00 a.m.  
February 22

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Benton County Annex at 7:30 p.m.  
March 14  
April 11  
May 16  
June 20

## Mini 4-H

Kelly Wallpe  
765-884-1588  
wallpe2@purdue.edu  
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Amy Wilkinson  
765-427-7373  
wilkin52@purdue.edu

### Meetings

Benton County Annex  
6:00-7:30 p.m.  
March 14  
April 11  
May 16  
June 20

## Parish Grove

Carrie Buck  
765-491-1772  
buck.carrie@gmail.com

### Meetings

February 23 4:00 p.m.  
Fowler Bowling Center

March 9 4:00 p.m.

April 12 2:00 p.m.  
Roadside Cleanup

May 18 4:00 p.m.  
June 8 7:00 p.m.  
June 29 7:00 p.m.

**Lucky Pines**  
volunteer needed

**Shooting Sports**  
volunteer needed



# BENTON COUNTY 2025 4-H T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Discover  
Yourself  
in  
**4-H**



## Contest Rules

1. Design must include the words "Benton County 4-H" and have the correct 4-H emblem found at:  
[4-h.org/download/brand-guidelines-logos](https://4-h.org/download/brand-guidelines-logos)  
**(4-H emblem cannot be covered, nor altered in anyway.)**
2. Must be artist's original work, no tracing or copying other designs.
3. Draw design on 8.5x11 vertical sheet of paper.
4. Design must be one color. Winner can choose t-shirt/print color.
5. Please submit the design via email as a pdf to [bentoces@purdue.com](mailto:bentoces@purdue.com) or in person to the Benton County Extension Office.
6. Submission deadline is April 1st.

# HPAI- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

**HPAI - Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza is an ongoing problem dating back to 2022.**

So far in January of 2025 flocks in Jay, Allen, Adams, Jackson, Randolph and Shelby Counties have been diagnosed with HPAI.

To help slow the spread of this disease, 4-H poultry project members and their families should make sure to have a valid BOAH premise ID.

BOAH (Indiana Board of Animal Health) sends regular updates to emails associated with premise ID numbers as a means of keeping flock owners advised on the spread of HPAI and other serious poultry diseases. If you do not have a premise ID or have lost or forgotten your premise ID you can get caught up by visiting this website:  
<https://www.in.gov/boah/traceability-and-premise-id/>



## Protect Your Flock

### From Avian Influenza

- Prevent waterfowl from accessing or mingling with your birds.
- Wear dedicated clothing and shoes to care for your flock. Do not visit other poultry unless absolutely necessary, and wear different clothing/shoes before entering your premises.
- Wash hands before and after handling birds, feed, or waste.
- Clean and disinfect equipment in contact with birds or waste.
- Check birds daily for signs of illness or death. Signs include: lack of energy, decreased or malformed egg production, swelling of head, purple discoloration on wattles/combs/legs, Stumbling, diarrhea, sudden death.
- Obtain a premise ID number from the Board of Animal Health.

More info? Scan.



**CALL 1-866-536-7593**  
to report sick or dead poultry



### **Junior Pork Day**

Saturday, February 22  
Land O'Lakes, Inc. Center

This program is being supported by the Indiana Swine Breed Associations, Indiana Pork Producers Assoc., Belstra Milling, and the Purdue University Animal Sciences and 4-H Departments.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact

Dr. Brian Richert - Extension Swine Specialist at 765-494-4837, brichert@purdue.edu or Courtney Stierwalt -4-H Extension Specialist at 765-494-8435, dickerso@purdue.edu

### **4-H UAV/Drone Contest**

March 15 @ 10:00 a.m.  
Madison County 4-H Fairgrounds

Two age divisions:

Junior (grades 5-7)

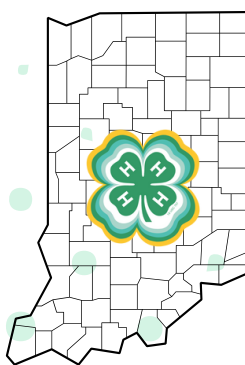
Senior (grades 8-12)

Registration is open under "Events" on 4-H Online or at:

[https://2025droneuavcomp.4honlin.e.com/#/public/ins\\_o/evt\\_28i](https://2025droneuavcomp.4honlin.e.com/#/public/ins_o/evt_28i)

Deadline to register is March 7

## **What's Happening**



## **Around the State in 4-H**

### **4-H Camp**

Grades 3-6

Shakamak State Park

June 4 - June 6

See what camp is all about @  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/camp.html>

### **4-H Academy**

Grades 9-12

Purdue University

June 11- June 13

For more information go to:  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/academy.html>

### **4-H Round-Up**

Grades 7-9

Purdue University

June 23 - June 25

Want more information? Go to:  
<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/round-up.html>



INDIANA  
**STATE FAIR**

August 1-17, 2025

For other state level 4-H programs go to :<https://www.extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/index.html>



# Apply to be a 4-H Camp Counselor!



## When and where is camp?

Shakamak State Park  
Jasonville, IN  
June 4-June 6

## What are the requirements?

- Be a 4-H Member
- Be in 10th grade or above
- Complete the application and provide 2 adult references
- Attend counselor training meetings on April 29, May 8, May 19 & May 29

## How do I get an application?

Check your email for your application!

**Application Deadline is:  
Friday March, 7**

## What does it take?

A Camp Counselor is a leader. You take on the position of being a role model to the youth that attend camp.

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A Camp Counselor has creativity. You plan and facilitate different games and activities throughout the 3 days of camp.


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A Camp Counselor is patient. When working with children, you will get asked the same question a million times and must repeat directions often. Being patient, rather than getting flustered, is crucial.

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A Camp Counselor is a role model. Being a positive role model, you are setting the expectation for how your campers will act. You must create a safe environment that is enjoyable and teaches valuable life lessons.

## Questions? Call, email, or stop by the office

 765-884-0140

 [nvitalon@purdue.edu](mailto:nvitalon@purdue.edu)

 410 S. Adeway, Suite A,  
Fowler, IN 47944





Extension - 4-H Youth  
Development



# TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

**Where:** Camp Tecumseh

**When:** March 28-30

**Ages:** Grades 7th-12th

**Contact your local Purdue  
Extension Office to learn  
more and register!**

## CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!





# Earn Purdue Credit with your 4-H Experience!

*Are you admitted/accepted into Purdue University?*

*Use your 4-H experience to receive  
credit for 1st year courses!*

## Approved Direct Credit Courses

EDCI 28500 - Multiculturalism and Education (3 Credits)

EDCI 207 - Construction and Textile Lab Management (3 Credits)

HORT 10100 - Fundamentals of Horticulture (3 Credits)

**Interested?**

Scan here!





**At Purdue University, we are  
empowering students to direct their  
own futures through the free**

**PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,**

**which makes higher education more  
affordable for all.**

#### WHAT

Any promising students will now have the opportunity to take their first steps toward a Purdue degree with the new Purdue Fast Start program. Through Purdue's partnership with ModernStates.org, a website featuring more than 30 free, high-quality courses, you can gain assured admission into Purdue by earning free college credit. This partnership will create new opportunities for Indiana students to take giant leaps in their education with a new pathway at Purdue University.

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#### HOW

To earn acceptance into Purdue, Indiana students can take the Modern States online courses for free. Those who pass a minimum of five corresponding College Board CLEP exams are assured admission to Purdue and will be designated as Klinsky Scholars. Students also will have access to mentors during the program.

Make a Purdue University education even more affordable:

- Free online courses and corresponding CLEP exams through Modern States, covering the entire cost of the Fast Start program
- Complete 5 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 15 credits, a full semester's worth of credit at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT \$11,000**
- Complete 10 courses + pass the CLEP exams (paid for by ModernStates.org) = 30 credits, freshman year for free at Purdue, **WHICH CAN SAVE A STUDENT OVER \$21,000**

**LEARN MORE**

For more information, go to the Fast Start website at [purdue.university/faststart](https://purdue.university/faststart), or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3100**.

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