

BENTON COUNTY

4-H NEWS



Indiana 4-H Mission

MARCH 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?



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care (QLC)

In order to exhibit beef, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep and/or swine at the

Benton County 4-H Fair, 4-H members are required to participate in the Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care workshop or Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA).

Quality Assurance training must be completed by 4-H members annually.

You can get certified for this year by attending a QLC at the Benton County Annex on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, March 25 @ 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 23 @ 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 12 @ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Please register on 4-H Online under 'Events'

If you want to receive your YQCA certification online please visit:
yqcaprogram.org



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)



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.



MINI 4-H

NEWS

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

Give the Foods Project a stir!

You will learn how to measure and combine ingredients, kitchen and food safety.

And the best part? You can make yummy snacks for you and your family!

Information about this project is on page 17 of the Mini 4-H Handbook.



Meeting Dates



Friday

MARCH 14

APRIL 11

MAY 16

JUNE 20



**@ Benton
County Annex
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

Club Information

Fowler's Finest

Anne Snodgrass
765-543-4098
suitera@hotmail.com

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

Hometown Hubsters

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

Meetings

Boswell Town Hall
7:00 p.m.
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 11

Junior Leaders

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

Meetings

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

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

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

Lucky Pines

Ryan Pyke
812-890-9017
rpyke552002@yahoo.com

Meetings

St. Patrick Hall
504 S. Michigan St., Oxford
6:30-8:00 p.m.
March 6
April 3
May 1
June 5
July TBD

Mini 4-H

Kelly Wallpe
765-884-1588
wallpe2@purdue.edu

Amy Wilkinson
765-427-7373
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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.

Dan Patch

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

Meetings

Oxford Public Library
6:00 p.m.
March 18

Horse & Pony

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

Meetings

BCHS Library
6:00 p.m.
March 18
April 15

Helping Hands

Nicole McGinnis
765-426-5478
nmcginnis99@hotmail.com

Kyra McGinnis

Meetings TBD

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
(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. Your design can consist of the colors green, white and black.
5. Please submit the design via email as a pdf to bentonces@purdue.com or in person to the Benton County Extension Office.
6. Submission deadline is April 1st.

HPAI- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

As of February 25, 2025 flocks in Adams, Allen, Elkhart, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Lagrange, Randolph, Shelby, Union and Washington 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





Career Development Events (CDE) occur throughout the state. They are competitive events that allow you to showcase your knowledge on a specific topic.

Most CDE's offer individual and team entries.

Check out all of the CDE's available at:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/state-programs/career-development-events/index.html>

4-H UAV/Drone Contest

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

Two age divisions:

Junior (grades 5-7)

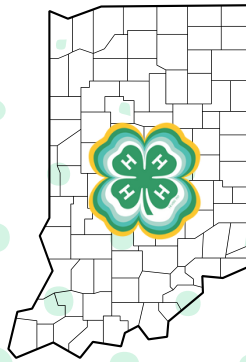
Senior (grades 8-12)

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

https://2025droneuavcomp.4honlin e.com/#/public/ins_o/evt_28i

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 Camp Registration is
March 24-April 23**

Enroll in 4-H Online under Events
'2025 Benton, Founain, Jasper &
Warren County 4-H Camp'

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!



**Deadline is
Friday, March 7!**

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?

We can email you an application or you can pick one up at the Benton County Extension Office.

**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.

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

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.

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

 bentonces@purdue.edu

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



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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STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN
GIANT LEAPS A REALITY BY EARNING ACCESS TO
AFFORDABLE, HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AT PURDUE.**

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, or call **765-494-1776** or (for hearing impaired) **800-743-3100**.

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