

Indiana 4-H Mission

APRIL 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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2025 Handbook Updates

There are a lot of project updates this year. Please read the project guidelines in the Benton County 4-H Handbook to ensure your project(s) meet the updated judging criteria.

The 2025 Benton County 4-H Handbook can be found at:

https://www.extension.purdue.edu/county/benton/_docs/handbook-2025.docx



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 (QLC) 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:

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

Register on 4-H Online under 'Events'

Cost is \$3 due date of workshop

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.



**Fair Entry Deadline
June 23**

2025 Indiana 4-H Animal Identification

The following table lists the different animal species and the respective form of identification that is required for a 4-H member to be eligible to show in the 4-H livestock shows at the 2025 Indiana State Fair. The animal ID information must be entered in the Indiana 4-H Online enrollment system by the respective deadlines. Missing, incomplete or incorrect animal ID information could result in state fair ineligibility for that particular animal.



	For State Fair	Max # to Enroll	Deadline
Beef and Dairy Beef Steers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 Total steers	May 15
Commercial and Market Heifers and Dairy Feeder	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	10 total	May 15
Beef, Registered Heifers	840-RFID tag and Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample	10 total heifers	May 15
Dairy Cattle	840-RFID tag and animal's registered name and registration number (or dam's registration number) and DNA Hair Sample	40 total	May 15
Dairy Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo	40 dairy goats total	May 15
Wethers	5-digit County Tag or Tattoo		
Meat Goat Wethers	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	40 meat goats total	May 15
Boer Goat Females, Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Market Goat Does (Wether Dams)	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample		May 15
Pygmy Goats Registered	Breed Registry Tattoo or Microchip that Matches Registration Papers	40 total	May 15
Unregistered	Official USDA Scrapie Tag or Official Scrapie Tattoo		
Horses and Pony	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Llama and Alpaca	Two Color Pictures	20 total	May 15
Sheep Market Lambs	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag and DNA Hair Sample	30 sheep total	May 15
Commercial Ewes	840-RFID Tag and 5-digit County Tag/or official scrapies tag and DNA Hair Sample		
Registered Ewes	840-RFID Tag and ID that matches registration Papers and DNA Hair Sample		
Swine	840-RFID Tag and Ear Notch and DNA Hair Sample	15 Gilts 15 Barrows	May 15

MINI 4-H

NEWS

The Mini 4-H'ers had a great time during their first meeting on Friday, March 14.

They participated in four stations based on Mini 4-H Projects that they could choose to complete for their project to exhibit at the fair. The evening was led by Junior Leaders who shared their skills and knowledge.

Arts & Crafts: Leather

Learning by doing is what 4-H is all about! Mini's learned to stamp a design into a leather keychain.



Reading is Fun



Junior Leaders shared a book with the Mini's. Mini 4-Hers then got busy designing a new cover for the book or drew their favorite character.

Model Craft

So much creativity was shared with modeling clay and beads and other embellishments.



Discover
Yourself
in 4-H

Meeting Dates



Friday

APRIL 11
MAY 16
JUNE 20



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



Cake & Cupcake Decorating

Chocolate or vanilla cupcakes were decorated with icing and lots of sprinkles. This was a yummy way to try out this project!



Benton County Mini 4-H

Club Information

Dan Patch

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

Meetings

Oxford Public Library
6:00 p.m.
April 3
April 17
May 1
May 15
May 29

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.
April 27
May 18

Helping Hands

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

Kyra McGinnis

Meetings TBD

Hometown Hubsters

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

Meetings

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

Horse & Pony

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

Meetings

BCHS Library
6:00 p.m.
April 15

Junior Farmers

Kristi Kretzmeier
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kretzmeier5@msn.com

Karyn Musser
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karyn.musser@lanxess.com

Meetings

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

Junior Leaders

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

Meetings

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

Lucky Pines

Ryan Pyke
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rpyke552002@yahoo.com

Genessa Robinson
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Meetings

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

Mini 4-H

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wilkin52@purdue.edu

Meetings

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

Parish Grove

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

Lynn Lucy
219-869-1571
lsondgeroth@gmail.com

Meetings

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.

2025 4-H SPONSORS

GOLD LEVEL

Warren County REMC

SILVER LEVEL

Ron & Lynda Freeland

Fowler State Bank

Alliance Bank:

Oxford & Otterbein Branches

GREEN LEVEL

Ron Charlesworth Family

Boswell Trade Center

Shane & Sara Gretencord

Barce & Redlin PC

Terry Harman Family

Kentland Veterinary Clinic, LLP

Strasburger Trucking Inc.

Ryan & Anne Snodgrass

Curt & Tracy Alberston

Katrina Molter-State Farm Insurance

McFall's Service Station

Tom & Patty Suiter

Dwenger Excavating Contractors, Inc.

Stockland Grain Company, Inc.

Sheets Family Dentistry

Judd & Cris Burgett

7 Hills Dairy-Winners Drink Milk

Fowler Family Dentistry

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support



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 Camp Registration is
March 24-April 23**

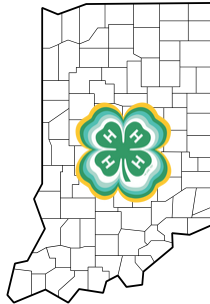
Enroll in 4-H Online under Events
'2025 Benton, Fountain, Jasper &
Warren County 4-H Camp'

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>

What's Happening Around the State in 4-H



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>

Early registration for Academy
& Round-Up is
March 15-May 9.
Be sure to register by May 9 to
avoid cost increase.



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>

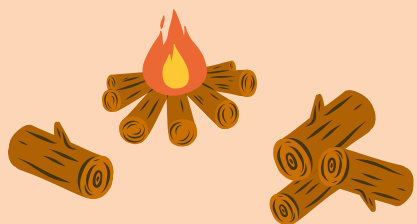
4-H CAMP

**Shakamak State Park
Jasonville, IN**

June 4-6



**4-H Camp offers 3rd -6th graders
team-building activities, outdoor
adventures, creative arts,
swimming and canoeing.
There is something for everyone!**



**Registration is open March 24-April 23.
Log-in to 4-H Online to register.**

**Camp is listed under the Events tab:
'2025 Benton, Fountain, Jasper & Warren County 4-H
Camp'**

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Fight the Hunger

STOCK THE TRAILER

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While it is hard to imagine, food insecurity continues to affect the communities we live in every day. That's why Farm Credit Mid-America launched the **Fight the Hunger, Stock the Trailer** challenge in 2021. Along with Rural 1st® as a sponsor, Farm Credit Mid-America challenges local communities to help feed those in need while supporting junior fairs.

Sponsored By



RURAL 1st

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

WHAT: Benton County

WHEN: July 16-21

WHERE: Boswell, IN

WHO: Benton Co Junior Leaders,
buck.carrie@gmail.com

CONTEST PRIZES AND RULES

All participating* county fairs will receive \$500.00

Additional prizes are awarded based on total pounds donated

1ST PLACE: \$5,000

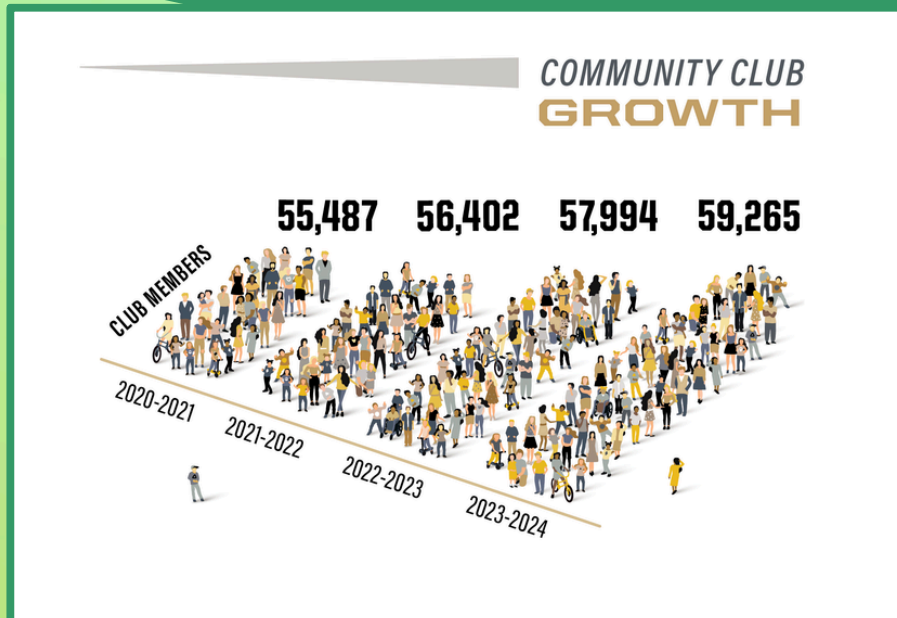
2ND PLACE: \$1,500

3RD PLACE: \$500

*Participation money will be awarded during the county fair to fairs that collect at least 1000 pounds of food, top prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of all participating county fairs. No purchase necessary. Additional terms and conditions may apply. For a full listing of terms and conditions, please visit fcma.com/fighthunger.

4-H is Growing!

In counties across the state, 4-H is offering more participants more programs in more areas. Although the pandemic presented unforeseen challenges, community dedication helped 4-H to overcome and find new ways to grow.



Hands-on projects, a longtime favorite of 4-H'ers, are a consistent draw for new members. In the 2023-2024 cycle, 4-H recorded 155,871 projects from 50 categories. 4-H projects not only teach about a particular topic, but they provide opportunities to develop skills, including time management and organization.



HPAI- Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

As of March 25, 2025 flocks in Adams, Allen, Elkhart, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Lagrange, Montgomery, 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/>

If you are interested in learning more about HPAI, BOAH has the following webinar recordings available on their YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CV7eQCfN_g

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54wCkBRQ6AQ>





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
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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.

**THROUGH THE PURDUE FAST START PROGRAM,
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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