



Benton County 4-H News



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Indiana 4-H Mission

The Indiana 4-H Youth Development mission 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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Happy New Year!

What an exciting time to be a part of Indiana 4-H! This new year of 2024 is going to bring us so many new opportunities for learning, community, and fun! How about taking a new project this year? This is a good way to stimulate creativity, explore new interests, and learning by doing. Choose a project that sparks interest even if it's a little intimidating. You can really grow and learn so much by doing something that is outside your comfort zone. Welcome to a new 4-H program year!

The Extension Office



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Our Newsletter has gone Green

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter by mail, please let us know by calling 765.884.0140 or email Kelly at wallpe2@purdue.edu.

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Youth may enroll now through **January 15th, 2024**. The program fee is \$15 per child up to three children, fourth child is free. You can pay by credit card or send at check to the Extension Office payable to Purdue University.

The Mini 4-H and Cloverbuds (K-2) will enroll at the same time as regular 4-H members and is \$5 per child payable by check to the Benton County 4-H Council.

Enroll using 4-H Online:

<https://www.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

2024 Benton County Fair

July 16-22, 2024

2024 State Fair

August 2-18, 2024



Cloverbuds 2024 Schedule

Held at Benton County Annex from
10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, March 9

Saturday, April 6

Saturday, May 4

Saturday, June 1

Upcoming Dates to be Looking For:

Beef Weigh-In—February

Club Meeting starting in February

Junior Leader Activities

Goat & Sheep Weigh-In—May

4-H Camps

Fair Schedule



2024 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 to download applications.

Applications due to County 4-H Educator January 25.

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

\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



BROADBAND
INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov



3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.

ASSURED ADMISSION

PURDUE FAST START

PROGRAM



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

Many 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 to 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) 800-743-3333.

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