



The Scoop



Boone County 4-H Newsletter



HELLO
december



Extension - Boone County

ENROLL FOR 4-H TODAY!

4-H enrollment is coming to a close on January 15th. We still have many of you who have not reenrolled in 2024 4-H yet, and we don't want you to miss out on all the exciting things we have in store for you!

Youth Enrollment is OPEN!

October 1st- January 15th

Volunteer Enrollment is OPEN!

NOTICE: 4-H online emails now come from a new ip address-

RegMax - Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H





SIGNING UP TO BE A VOLUNTEER OR JOINING 4-H FOR ANOTHER YEAR?



Follow the link for instructions:

Instructions as a returning youth member:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-returning-youth-member.pdf>

Instructions as a returning volunteer:

<https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/docs/volunteer/enrolling-in-4-h-online-as-a-returning-adult-volunteer.pdf>

IMPORTANT PROJECT UPDATES

The Arts & Crafts 4-H project is now called Miscellaneous Crafts.

The Latch Hook 4-H project is now part of Miscellaneous Crafts. If you want to participate in Latch Hook, you will sign up for the Miscellaneous Crafts 4-H project.

If you are interested in making a structure out of Legos for the 4-H Fair join the Construction and Architectural Replica project . Legos are NOT permitted in the 4-H Self Determined 4-H project.



SWINE BIRTHDATE CHANGE

All pigs to be shown must have been farrowed after December 1, of the previous year and owned and cared for since May 15.

Which means a December Purebred gilts class will be added.

The classes will be as follows:

December gilts

January Gilts

February Gilts

March Gilts



Volunteers Needed



Volunteer as a leader for one of the following projects !

- ***Aerospace***
- ***Critter Companion***
- ***Crops***
- ***Food Preparation***
- ***Outdoor Chef***
- ***Small Engines***
- ***Woodworking***



Email Stephanie Gay, 4-H Youth Extension Educator at sfoerder@purdue.edu or [click here](#) to become a 4-H Volunteer/Project leader!

2024 BOONE COUNTY FAIR DATES:

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH



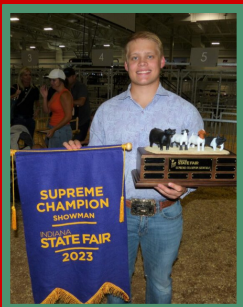
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FRIDAY, JULY 26TH!

2024 STATE FAIR DATES:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND



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**CLICK HERE FOR
THE 2024 STATE
FAIR LIVESTOCK
SCHEDULE.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH!

ARE YOU IN GRADES 10TH-12TH?



Did you miss our scholarship workshop in November? If so, we encourage you to stop by the Extension Office to pick up a scholarship packet during regular business hours. You can also find all of the information on our website [here](#).

Once on the page, make sure to scroll down to the 4-H Trips and Scholarships tab.

The 4-H program offers several scholarships available to 4-H members in grades 10-12 and 2023 4-H seniors who are now in their first year of college. Boone County itself offers 12 different scholarships to our 4-H'ers. There are also several opportunities for scholarships to be awarded at the State level as well.

As a reminder, all scholarship applications, both county and state, are due January 25, 2024!

POETRY OUT LOUD

Interested in poetry and public speaking? High school students are invited to join Marion County 4-H to practice for the state Poetry Out Loud competition, where young people recite poetry for a chance to advance to national finals in Washington, D.C.! Over \$50,000 in prizes and school scholarships. Learn more and sign up to participate here.

[<https://sites.google.com/view/4hpoetryoutloud/>]

Boost your public speaking and share your voice at the Poetry Out Loud competition. Build your speaking skills with a virtual coaching series January 4 - February 1! You have a chance to advance to national finals in Washington, D.C.! Over \$50,000 in prizes and school scholarships. Learn more and sign up to participate here.

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Meet our new team members

I am the Nutrition Educator with Purdue Extension's Nutrition Education program serving Boone, Montgomery and Parke counties.

The Nutrition Education Program offers free nutrition classes/food demonstrations to underserved communities. Our goal is to make 'the healthy choice the easy choice'. We have 5 areas of focus: Physical Activity, Nutrition, Food Security, Food Safety and Food Resource Management. I truly believe that small changes in these areas can lead to amazing results in your overall health and wellness. I have always been taught to find something you love to do, and you won't work a day in your life. Well, I love the Nutrition Education Program at Purdue, and I feel very fortunate to be in this role. I am also a mom of 4 kids (2 of which attend Purdue University). I love antique shopping with my husband, church activities/serving, thrifting, weight training/exercise and cooking. I look forward to connecting with more agencies in Boone County so I can better serve the amazing people in this community.

Mindy
Johnson



Andi
Smith

I am the new Administrative Assistant at the Boone County Extension office! I love 4-H and I am so excited to be a part of the Purdue Extension team in Boone County. Growing up in Carmel, I was a ten-year 4-H member in Hamilton County. I enjoyed a variety of projects with my favorites being scrapbooking, Junior Leaders and llamas.

After high school, I moved to Lafayette where I worked as a server and manager at Grindstone Charley's Restaurant and for a short time, the assistant manager at DressBarn. In 2011, I became a mother to a beautiful daughter, Holly and in 2015, I had twins, Emma and Eli. For the past nine years, I have been lucky enough to be a stay-at-home mom.

All three of my children participate in Tippecanoe County 4-H and I help with the Tippecanoe County 4-H Llama/Alpaca program. We live in Darlington, IN, with my life partner, Ryan. Our family enjoys kayaking, spending time outside, crafting, singing and being silly. My other children include three llamas, Ginger, Marilyn and Winnie, a basset hound named Hank and 12 chickens. I am eager to get to know all the great families in Boone County and to be starting a career here with a wonderful group of staffmates!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Mindy Murdock

Co-Leader Mini 4-H

Mindy is the current Co-Leader for Mini 4-H. Prior to that she was Project Leader for Wildlife for 5 years and Forestry for 2 years. Mindy is the Director of Recreation Services at Zionsville Parks and Recreation and leads the programming and event team for the parks and the Zionsville Nature Center. She is also a board member for Environmental Education Association of Indiana and Indiana Children and Nature Network. In her spare time she enjoys vegetable gardening, landscaping and sharing information about native plants with family and friends, and spending time with her family, husband Joe, daughter Audrey and their pets.



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INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



BROADBAND
INFLUENCER

What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

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Checks your internet speed

pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website

broadbandmap.fcc.gov

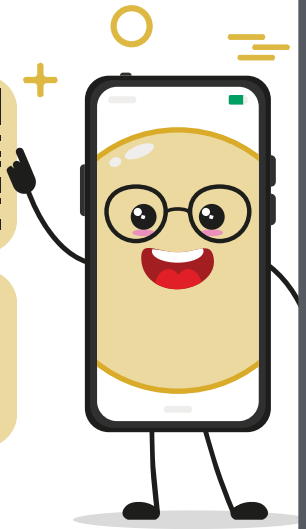


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Share what they've done with others

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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? I have more questions!

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.



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.

BOONE COUNTY 4-H HAVE

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

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Happy
New
Year
2024

WE WILL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!