

Extension Edge

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4-H CAMP

Registration is now open for 4-H Camp (Grades 3-6)!

4-H Camp will be held at Epworth Forest in North Webster, Indiana on June 3-5. There will be lots of fun activities, games, and experiences for the campers to enjoy. Join 4-H members from 11 counties for the best 3 days of summer! Registration ends May 1!

CONGRATULATIONS to these eight 4-H members from DeKalb County for being selected as Camp Counselors:

Kayles Garten, Cloverleafs
Drew Holley, Cloverleafs
Loralei King, Smithfield Busy Bees
Burke Lantz, Cloverleafs

Sydney Dunn, Smithfield Busy Bees
Aubrey Dunn, Smithfield Busy Bees
Lydia McHenry, Smithfield Busy Bees
Anna McHenry, Smithfield Busy Bees





LIVESTOCK NEWS

2026 Beef/Dairy Steers

Beef Heifers ID/WEIGH-IN

Sunday, April 12, 2-4 PM

MAY 15 4-H Online Deadline

ALL Beef Steers, Registered & Unregistered Heifers, Dairy Steers, Horse & Pony, Draft Animals, and STATE FAIR ELIGIBLE ANIMALS' MUST (excluding Poultry and Rabbit) be entered into 4HOnline.

4-H May 15 2026, Deadline.

Are You Enrolled?

- **Last day to enroll in 4-H for 2026 if you want to exhibit at Summer or Fall Fair!**
- **State Fair DNA due to the Extension Office**

2026 IMPORTANT DATES

April 1	2026 Alaska Trip Applications are due to Effie
April 3, 10, 17 & 24	Dog Club Meeting, 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 4	Doubletrees Meeting, Halter / Ground Drive / 4 cart / Wagon Meeting / animals if vaccinated, 1:00 pm - Lindsay Clifford's property
April 6	Junior Leader Meeting, 6:15 pm - Exhibit Hall Horse & Pony Club Meeting, 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 8	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 9	4-H Power Meeting, 7:00 PM - Riverdale Elementary 6127 State Rd. 1, St. Joe
April 12	Beef/Dairy Steer ID (Beef Steers, Beef Heifers, and Dairy Steers), 2:00-4:00 pm - Beef Bar
April 12	Cut-Ups Club Meeting, 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 14	Richland Cornhuskers Meeting, 5:00 PM - Exhibit Hall
April 16	Fairfield Farmers Meeting, check with club leader on time - Fairfield Community Center
April 18	Doubletrees Meeting, Halter / Ground Drive / 4 cart / Wagon Meeting / animals if vaccinated, 1:00 pm - Lindsay Clifford's property
April 19	Smithfield Busy Bees Meeting, 4:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 20	Horse & Pony & Horseless Safety Meeting (required for all members or a worksheet will need to be completed), 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
April 21	Jackson Blue Ribbons, 6:30 PM Jackson Twp Community Hall 3390 CR 60, Auburn



4-H/Youth Development

Registration due May 1, 2026!

Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp



June 3-5, 2026
Epworth Forest, North
Webster, IN

REGISTER TODAY!

Contact your local Purdue Extension
Office with any questions!

WHO SHOULD REGISTER:

Northeast Indiana 4-H Camp is open to all 4-H members from Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, St. Joseph, Steuben, Wabash, and Wells Counties in **grades 3-5** as of January 1.

WHERE TO REGISTER:

Register on 4-H Online by following this link:
<https://2026NEINCamp.4honline.com>

HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Click the link above and login to your 4-H Online family profile.
2. Select the "4-H Camper" registration type) and click "Start Registration." Follow through the prompts and fill out all required fields until submitted.
 - a. DeKalb County Campers - use coupon code: **WSCAPT**
3. Send or bring payment into your county Extension Office by **May 1**. Please make any checks out to **"DeKalb County 4-H Council"**. Registration is not complete until payment is received.

Equal Opportunity Statement: Purdue University prohibits discrimination against any member of the University community on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin or ancestry, genetic information, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, or status as a veteran.

Reasonable Accommodation Statement: If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact JP Pietrowski prior to the event at 260-358-4826 or jpietrow@purdue.edu by 5/18/2026.

For special dietary needs contact JP Pietrowski at 260-358-4826 or jpietrow@purdue.edu by 5/18/2026.

Language Access Statement: If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact JP Pietrowski prior to the event at 260-358-4826 or jpietrow@purdue.edu by 5/18/2026.



Extension - 4-H Youth
Development



Watch the mail for a copy of our Mini 4-H Handbook



Look it over in case you have any questions before our first meeting on May 4

Our theme this year is Backyard Wildlife!

We hold monthly meetings in May through September

Watch for future emails with meeting details and fun activities!



Monday, May 4 (6pm)

Kick off Night @ Exhibit Hall

Monday, June 8 (6pm)

Meeting @ Exhibit Hall

Tuesday, June 9

Mini Day Camp @ Exhibit Hall



Monday, July 6 (6pm)

Meeting @ Exhibit Hall

Monday, Aug 17 (6pm)

Meeting @ Exhibit Hall

Saturday, Sept 19 (10am)

Mini Project Judging @ Exhibit Hall

Interested in other 4-H Trips and Experiences?

Here are some other trips you may be interested in (to register, please contact Effie):

4-H Academy

- June 10-12, Grades 9-12
- Stay in a dorm at Purdue University
- Features a wide variety of different career-based workshops to choose from and focus on during the trip

NEW CREATIVE ARTS workshop this year!!!

▪ Due by - May 1

4-H Round-Up

- June 10-12, Grades 7-8
- Career Exploration Event
- Stay in a dorm at Purdue University

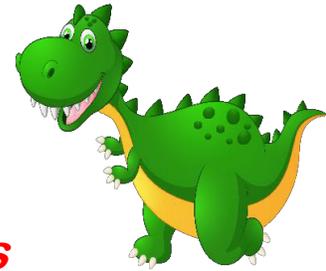
▪ Registration due by May 1

HANDBOOK INFORMATION

The 2026 DeKalb Co. 4-H Handbook is finished!

Every family will receive a printed copy of the Handbook this year. Handbooks can be picked up the Extension Office or at your next club meeting. Please use the QR code for the online Handbook.





Attention Mini 4-Hers

Come spend the day at “Jurassic Dino Camp”

Day Camp with DeKalb County 4-H Junior Leaders

June 9th, 2026 Time: 9:30am to 2pm

Location: Exhibit Hall Fairgrounds

Cost: \$20.00 Must be turned into the Extension Office by May 29th

Payable to DeKalb Co. Junior Leaders

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A SACK LUNCH WITH YOUR NAME ON IT

Things Happening During Day Camp:

- **Crafts**
- **Dino Hunt**
- **Wild Snacks *(Please inform us about any allergies)***
- **Digging**
- **Sidewalk Chalk Art**
- **Dancing**
- **Movie**

BONUS: You will receive poster boards for projects and two sleeves!

Registration form must be completed!!!

For More Information or Questions Contact:

Cassie Brown
(260) 908-0519

Carrie Dunn
(260) 927-5763

4-H/Youth Development

Mini 4-H Day Camp

Registration 2026

Sponsored by DeKalb County 4-H Junior Leaders

Mini 4-Her's Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name: _____

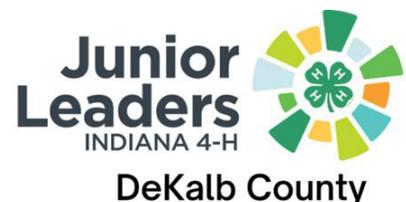
Relationship to Mini 4-Her: _____

Contact Number: _____

*****This form needs to be turned into the Extension Office with the \$20.00 registration fee, no later than May 29, 2026.**

Checks payable to DeKalb County Junior Leaders.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
Cassie Brown at (260) 908-0519 or
Carrie Dunn at (260)927-5763



Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care Program



All 4-H youth enrolled in a LIVESTOCK PROJECT (Beef, Dairy Beef, Dairy, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep and Swine) must be QLC certified or have a YQCA online completion certificate.

If you choose to complete the YQCA option, you will register for the online course at <https://yqcaprogram.org/> Cost of the online YQCA course is \$12.

After completing the course, you must email the 4-H Educator your certificate to receive credit.

If you prefer to take the QLC in person (Instructor-Led), the cost is \$3 per child and will be located at the Exhibit Hall (Fairgrounds); Registration is open now in 4-H Online!

Quality Livestock Care training sessions are:

Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM

Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM

After attending the course or submitting a YQCA online training certificate, you will be marked complete in the DeKalb 4-H Hub (Fall Fair Checklist)

**This certification does NOT replace the workshop/worksheet requirement.*

Poster Board Backing for Summer Posters

ATTENTION, ALL SUMMER JUDGING PARTICIPANTS!

Starting this year the Extension Office will be selling the STIFF BACKING needed for posters, along with the SLEEVES.

Each BACKING is \$3.00 and SLEEVES are \$2.00

SUPPORT PURDUE EXTENSION DEKALB COUNTY ON PURDUE DAY OF GIVING - APRIL 29, 2026

On April 29, 2026, Boilermakers everywhere will come together for Purdue Day of Giving—a 24-hour opportunity to support the Purdue programs that make a difference in our local communities.

This year, we invite you to consider supporting Purdue Extension DeKalb County.

Gifts made during Purdue Day of Giving directly strengthen local Extension efforts, including:

- ▶ 4-H Youth Development Programs
 - Support for 2026 4-H Alaska Trip
- ▶ Agriculture and Natural Resources Education
- ▶ Health and Wellness Initiatives



Every \$10 donation helps us continue delivering research-based education, hands-on learning opportunities, and practical resources that benefit DeKalb County residents of all ages.

Even more exciting — participation matters! Many bonus funds and matching opportunities are awarded based on the number of donors, meaning every single gift makes an impact, no matter the size.

Mark your calendar for April 29 and consider making a gift to support Extension programming right here in DeKalb County. Together, we can continue building strong youth, strong farms, and strong communities. Online donations can be sent through a link that will be available closer to April 29.

Thank you for supporting local impact through Purdue Extension!

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS LOWER PORTION AND RETURN TO THE DEKALB COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WITH YOUR \$10 INCREMENT DONATION TO THE 2026 PURDUE DAY OF GIVING!

Name	
Address	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
Amount:	

Please send payment with form back to

Purdue Extension-DeKalb County
 215 E 9th Street, Ste 300
 Auburn, IN 467806



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Date Received	Amount: Cash Check

4-H/Youth Development

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DeKalb 4-H Hub

Your go-to resource for everything DeKalb 4-H!



WHAT IS ON THE HUB?

- FALL FAIR CHECKLIST- SEE WHAT YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- SUMMER JUDGING CHECKLIST - SEE WHAT YOU STILL NEED TO COMPLETE TO BE ELIGIBLE TO EXHIBIT
- 10 YEAR MEMBER TO-DO LIST!
- LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES/WORKSHOPS
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- GENERAL RECORD SHEET
- 4-H HANDBOOK
- APPLICATIONS FOR EVENTS/TRIPS
- 4-H FAMILY GUIDE, 4-H PROJECT MAGAZINE
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR 4-H ONLINE AND FAIR ENTRY
- LIST OF IMPORTANT WEBSITES
- ALL LIVESTOCK WORKSHEETS!



USE THE LINK OR SCAN THE QR
CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/DEKALB4HHUB](https://bit.ly/DeKalb4HHub)

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