

Extension Edge

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Happy Holidays



December 2024



**2025 4-H
ENROLLMENT**
Now Through
January 15, 2025

Enroll at <https://v2.4honline.com/>

Enrollment will remain open until May 15, 2025 but enrolling by **January 15, 2025** will ensure that you do not miss out on trips and events.

COST: \$25 4-H Fee* (Grades 3-12) - Paid at time of enrollment

(*\$25 each for up to three children, *\$10 for each additional child)

\$5 for Mini 4-H (Grades K-2) - Paid at first meeting in May

4-H Fees are non-refundable and paid at the time of registration.

The fee can be paid online with credit or debit card or at the Extension Office with cash or check. **The Extension Office cannot take credit cards.**

Use your previous email and password to log into your family profile and re-enroll. Please contact the Extension Office for assistance retrieving your family email address.

NEW FAMILIES need to follow the posted instructions located on the main page found at <https://v2.4honline.com/>



HOLIDAY WREATH DESIGN

Come and learn how to make your own artificial wreath for the holidays to decorate your door for years to come!



Date/Time: December 12, 5:30pm

Location: County Office Building, 215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN

Cost: \$15 per participant

Youth in grades 3-12 and adults welcome!

Register by December 3

Use the link register or the QR Code



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Extension - 4-H Youth Development



CANDY, CANDLES & CARDS

Homemade Gift Making Workshop

Join us for a fun and creative evening of gift-making! Get hands-on as you create sweet treats, scented candles, and personalized cards—perfect for sharing with friends and family. Whether you're looking for unique holiday gifts or just want to spend a fun evening crafting, this workshop has something for everyone!

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up

When: December 19, 2024

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

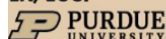
Where: County Office Building, 215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN

Cost: \$10 per participant

Registration Closes: December 5

Register: <https://bit.ly/DecSTEAM24>

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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact Effie Campbell prior to the workshop at 260-925-2562 or campb314@purdue.edu.

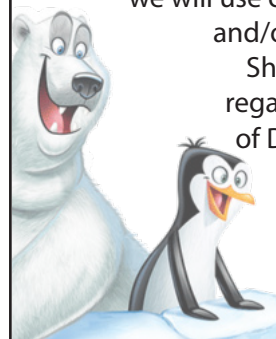


Winter Cancellation Policy

Historically, we have followed schools in regards to meeting and event cancellations. If one school canceled for the day, we canceled all events for that day. However, with schools offering e-learning days, we think they will be quicker to react and cancel.

We certainly care about your safety, but want to be mindful that sometimes the fog fades and the snow is cleared by evening.

Moving forward from this point on, we will use cautious discretion and/or consult with the Sheriff's Department regarding cancellation of DeKalb County 4-H programs, events, activities, and meetings.



Indiana 4-H Scholarships

All 4-H scholarship applications and submission instructions are available on the State 4-H website (link below) and must be uploaded by members no later than January 25, 2025. This includes 4-H Club, Senior Year, Purdue Horticulture, and Accomplishment scholarships.



A member must be in an "Active" status in 4HOnline to submit an application.

Youth in Grades 10 to their 1st year out of 4-H may apply for the 4-H Accomplishment Scholarship.

Do you need help with your application or have questions? Please reach out to Effie at campb314@purdue.edu

Visit <https://extension.purdue.edu/4-H/get-involved/scholarships.html>

2025 4-H SUPERINTENDENTS

EXHIBIT HALL Mark Carunchia
 FOOD STAND Linda Carunchia
 SHOW BARN Carleigh Pearson
 BEEF Ryan Ridge
 DAIRY BEEF Sean Hartman
 DAIRY Katelee Carnahan
 SWINE Kevin Days
 SHEEP Logan Reinhold
 GOAT Chelsea Handshoe
 & Carrie Dunn
 POULTRY Tabitha Warstler
 RABBIT Tonya DePew

EXTENSION HOMEMAKER SCHOLARSHIPS

The DeKalb County Extension Homemakers provide up to three \$500 scholarships. Application with supporting documentation is due March 1. Applications are available by contacting the Extension Office or by going to the DeKalb 4-H Hub in the Scholarship folder.

2024 & 2025 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

December 11	DeKalb County 4-H Council meeting, 7:00 pm -Exhibit Hall
December 12	Holiday Wreath Design Class, 5:30 pm - Exhibit Hall - Register here https://bit.ly/WreathDesign
December 19	Candy, Candles, and Cards, 5:30 pm - County Office Building (215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN) - Register here https://bit.ly/DecSTEAM24
January 28, 2025	Woodworking Workshop, 5:30 pm - County Office Building (215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN) - Register here https://bit.ly/woodworking2025
February 8	QLC in-person training, 10:00 am - Exhibit Hall – Registration will open in January
February 13	Valentine's Day Canvas Painting, 5:30 pm - County Office Building (215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN) - Register here https://bit.ly/canvasSTEAM25
February 17, 20, 24, and 27	Go Without Going VR Travel Program, 6:00 pm - Exhibit Hall Register here https://bit.ly/GoWithoutGoing

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**Upcoming
STEAM
Workshops 2025**

Canvas Painting February 13
 Macrame Workshop March 13
 Fish Dissection April 10
 A Mom & Me Charcuterie Adventure
 May 8

CLOVER HUNT



Find the white & black 4-H clover logo hidden somewhere within this newsletter. To win the 2024 prize (Clover Wallet, 4-H Sticker, Hat, Gold Button, and Thermos cup), email Effie (campb314@purdue.edu) with the correct description of it's location and have the chance to win this month's prize. Winner will be announced on December 15. Contest open to Mini 4-H and regular 4-H members ONLY. Prize will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office once winner has been notified.



Sample only

WOODWORKING WORKSHOP



The Northeast Indiana Woodworkers Association will teach kids how to make their own birdhouse for wrens as youth in grades 3–12 learn to properly use power tools and hand tools in this DIY workshop. There are about 5 species of these little songbirds in Indiana, so let's give them a safe place to land!

Who: Best suited for 3rd grade and up; adults also welcome!

When: January 28, 2025

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Where: County Office Building, 215 E. 9th St. Auburn, IN

Cost: \$10 per participant

Registration Closes: January 14, 2025

Register at: <https://bit.ly/woodworking2025>



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AIR RIFLE & ARCHERY UPCOMING DATES



Beginner Air Rifle:

Thursdays, January 16 through March 6, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds in Auburn. Taught by certified 4-H instructors, with all equipment provided. Cost is \$25. Must enroll in 4-H Online. Class open to youth in grades 3–12.

Advanced Air Rifle:

Thursdays, March 20 through May 8, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds in Auburn. Taught by certified 4-H instructors, with all equipment provided. Cost is \$25. Must enroll in 4-H Online.

****Prerequisite of Beginner Air Rifle****

When signing up in 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com), select Shooting Sports for Club and Air Rifle for Project. Enrollment must be completed online so you are approved to shoot in 4-H.

Beginning Archery (Level 1):

Tuesdays, January 21 through March 11, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds in Auburn. Taught by certified 4-H instructors, with all equipment provided. Cost is \$25. Must enroll in 4-H Online. Class open to youth in grades 3–12.

Intermediate Archery (Level 2):

Tuesdays, March 18 through April 29, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds in Auburn. Taught by certified 4-H instructors, with all equipment provided. Cost is \$25. Must enroll in 4HOnline.

****Prerequisite of Archery Level 1****

When signing up on 4HOnline (v2.4honline.com), select Shooting Sports for Club and Archery for Project. Enrollment must be completed online so you are approved to shoot in 4-H.



counselors needed!

Summer seems SO far away, but it's time to apply for 4-H Camp Counselor positions!

Interested in serving as a counselor at this summer's 4-H Camp? Be thinking about it now if you are in Grades 9-12 because applications will be due on February 1st. 8th graders may be considered if we run short on high school counselors.

We will begin planning and mingling with counselors from other counties in March.

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your leadership skills in working with younger youth and planning fun adventures for them along with your peer counselors.

You can request an application by emailing Effie at campb314@purdue.edu.

Donate During the Holidays

Here's a special reminder that the DeKalb Co. 4-H Council is set up to receive rewards when you shop with Amazon Smile and Kroger.

- The link to sign up for **Amazon Smile**: smile.amazon.com/ch/35-1417324
- **Kroger Community Rewards**: Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the Kroger Community Rewards selection on your digital account.
 1. Sign in to your digital account.
 2. Search for your organization.
 3. Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support.
 4. Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save." Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account.If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your "Account Details."



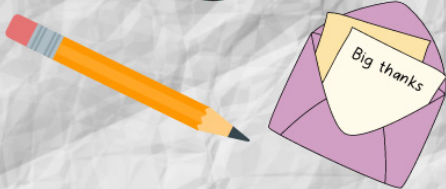
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THANK YOUR AWARD SPONSORS

Don't forget to send a
THANK YOU note to your
award sponsors. Your
appreciation may encourage
them to contribute again
next year. Your notes can
make a difference!

Award sponsors' information
is attached to the award
that you received.



7 STEPS TO A GREAT THANK YOU NOTE

- 1 A greeting to the thank you note recipient
- 2 Specific reason you are thanking them
- 3 The reason you appreciate them
- 4 How you plan to use the gift or why the gift was important to you
- 5 A comment or detail about yourself
- 6 A repeat of your thank you
- 7 A closing and signature of your name



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