

Extension Edge

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Happy Holidays

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December 2025



**2026 4-H
ENROLLMENT**
Now Through
January 15, 2026

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

Enrollment will remain open until May 15, 2026 but enrolling by **January 15, 2026** 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/>

INTRO TO BULLET JOURNALING

Start 2026 off with a brand new journal to organize and a way to remember the year! Bullet Journaling unlocks your creative side to make a journal that is uniquely your own!

Register through the QR code or on <https://bit.ly/BulletJournalClass>

Youth and Adults are welcome!

When: December 15, 6:00-8:00 pm
Where: County Office Building (215 E 9th St. Auburn, IN)
Register by: December 12
Cost: \$15 per person

Please bring your own Dot Journal!
 All other supplies will be provided.




Examples of Bullet Journaling

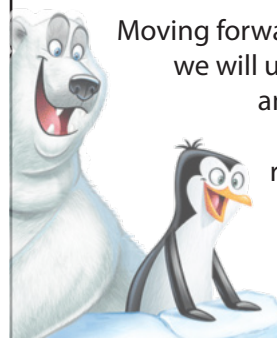


Winter Cancellation Policy

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, 2026. 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>

SUMMER TRIPS & CAMPS SCHEDULE

JUNE 3RD– 5TH 4-H CAMP

- ✗ Grades 3–6 (Campers)
- ✗ Grades 8–12 (Counselors)

JUNE 11TH– 13TH 4-H ACADEMY

- ✗ Grades 9–12
- ✗ At Purdue University

JUNE 21ST–24TH STATE BAND/CHORUS

- ✗ Grades 9–12
- ✗ At Purdue University

JUNE 24TH–26TH ROUND-UP

- ✗ Grades 7–9
- ✗ At Purdue University

AUGUST 2ND–9TH SITKA, ALASKA 4-H TRIP

- ✗ Grades 9–12

SAVE THESE DATES ADVENTURERS!

2026 4-H SUPERINTENDENTS

EXHIBIT HALL Mark Carunchia
 FOOD STAND Travis 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 \$1000 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.

2025 & 2026 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

December 2025

December 10	DeKalb County 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm -Exhibit Hall
December 15	Bullet Journal Workshop, 6:00 pm - County Office Building https://bit.ly/BulletJournalClass . See page 2
December 21	Cut - Ups Christmas Party, 1:00 pm - Exhibit Hall

January 2026

January 14, 2026	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
January 15	Enrollment Goal Date! Enroll in 4-H Online https://v2.4honline.com/
January 25	4-H Scholarship Deadline

February 2026

February 11	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 pm - Exhibit Hall
February 21	QLC Training, 9:00 am - Exhibit Hall



2026 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.

\$174,250 AWARDED IN 2025



AIR RIFLE &



ARCHERY



UPCOMING DATES

Pistol/Rifle disciplines are always on **Thursday nights**. **Archery** disciplines are always on **Tuesday nights**. All classes take place at the Exhibit Hall with the exception of .22 Rifle (advanced students) which takes place at the Auburn Conservation Club.

Air Pistol (Beginner and Advanced) always runs in the fall, currently starting October 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Exhibit Hall. Open to all regular 4-H members (3rd-12th grades). Runs for 8 weeks (with Thanksgiving off). Members must be enrolled in 4-H before arriving for the first night. Cost is \$25 on the first night of class. All equipment and materials are provided. Class usually ends around 8:00 pm. Early arrival is appreciated to help setup, and early arrival is strongly encouraged on the first night to complete sign-in/admin. Description of the course as reflected in the Handbook remains the same. Completion of Beginner course is required before moving to Advanced course.

Beginner Air Rifle will start in January (exact date TBD but will be 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month). Open to all regular 4-H members (3rd-12th grades). Runs for 8 weeks (with Thanksgiving off). Members must be enrolled in 4-H before arriving for the first night. Cost is \$25 on the first night of class. All equipment and materials are provided. Class usually ends around 8:30 pm. Early arrival is appreciated to help setup, and early arrival is strongly encouraged on the first night to complete sign-in/admin. Description of the course as reflected in the Handbook remains the same. Completion of Beginner course is required before moving to Advanced course.

Advanced Air Rifle will begin 1-2 weeks after the Beginner course concludes. Also runs for 8 weeks, same time, same location. Completion of the Beginner

course (in the same or a previous year) is a prerequisite to the Advanced course. Cost is \$25. All equipment/materials are provided.

.22 Rifle runs after the Advanced course, typically mid-May through June, at the Conservation Club. Completion of at least 1 year of the Advanced course is required before participation in .22 Rifle (can be done in the same year). Cost is \$25. All equipment/materials are provided but students may utilize their own rifle/equipment, upon instructor approval.

Archery is divided into levels 1, 2, and 3. The beginner course is Level 1 and it will start in January, roughly commensurate with Air Rifle. Level 2 will start shortly after Level 1 completes, roughly commensurate with Advanced Air Rifle. Level 3 is taking place right now. Advancement is at instructor discretion. The course is based on the NASP program and all equipment is provided at the Level 1 course. Cost is \$25. As students advance, utilization of their own equipment is permitted, at the instructor's discretion.

Note class/course cost. Households can receive a discount (\$5 for each additional child) but they must make the request at sign-in, the instructors will not automatically know.

Information is primarily disseminated through email--to receive the emails, members must be on the Shooting Sports Club enrollment list. Most information is then also posted to our Facebook page. Individual courses might establish their own text/messaging setup that is specific to that course for purposes of cancellations, etc.

If you have any questions, contact us through email (dekalb.shootingsports@gmail.com) or the FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/DeKalbShootingSports>).



counselors needed!

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

4-H Camp dates - June 3-5, 2026. Counselors arrive on June 2nd.

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

Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service is an Affirmative Action, Equal Access/Equal Opportunity institution. If you are in need of accommodations or a translator or interpreter to attend any DeKalb County Extension program, please contact our office prior to the meeting at 260-925-2562 or email eberry@purdue.edu.

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