



# Practical New Year's Resolutions for Farmers and Ranchers

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2026 is set to begin in a few short days and so are New Year's Resolutions. Farmers and ranchers are a unique population in that, with each new season, they are recommitting to their goals and contributing to a safe, sustainable food supply. Below are a few practical resolutions agricultural producers can make that will lead to positive change in the New Year.

## **Improve Your Farm's Sustainability by Exploring Innovative Technology**

From sensors and drones to self-driving and GPS enabled tractors, farmers are using technology to their advantage to produce food more sustainably. Agricultural technology is not limited to large-scale farming corporations, though. Several technologies are available to small farmers that can make a huge difference, from managing sales to testing soil health. Here is a list of impactful technologies to implement around your farm.

## **Prioritize Your Physical and Mental Health**

Agricultural work can be both physically and mentally draining. If you or someone you know is struggling with anxiety, depression, or another mental health challenge, you are not alone. Here are a few ideas to prioritize your health as an agricultural producer:

- Take the beginning of 2026 to create a schedule as to when you'll take some time for yourself and your family.
- Take care of your body through regular exercise. This not only helps your physical health, but can reduce symptoms of stress and anxiety.
- Ask for and offer help if needed by assessing your mental health. Participating in mental health training, especially for rural communities, can be beneficial for agricultural workers.
- Make time to do something fun at least once a week. Having interests outside of the farm can bring you happiness.

## **Keep Better Track of Your Farm Records**

Successful farm managers establish a record-keeping system and strategically maintain accurate records. The New Year is a perfect time to improve your bookkeeping skills to help plan for the rest of 2026 and beyond. Aside from tracking your expenditures and income, evaluating which products work best for you financially is key. Using available resources such as other farmers, your county extension office, and educational information from organizations such as SARE and USDA is also necessary for good record-keeping.

## **Support the Farming Community**

Farmers are a tight knit group and can rely on one another for support. The New Year is a great opportunity to become a vendor at a local farmer's market, join an online forum or group of producers, or actively engage in social media platforms to promote your farm and the local operations in your community.

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# 4-H Quality Livestock Care Training

## QLC IN-PERSON TRAINING DATES FOR 2026

**FEBRUARY 21, 9:00AM (EXHIBIT HALL)**

**MARCH 23, 10:00 AM (EXHIBIT HALL)**

**MAY 16, 9:00 AM (EXHIBIT HALL)**

**AUGUST 1, 10:00 AM (EXHIBIT HALL)**

### HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Use the link above and log in to 4-H Online. The event will automatically open.
2. Select which training your 4-H member will be attending.
3. Hit submit!

There will be some QLC trainings at Club meetings.

Be sure to check your clubs schedule to see if there will be a training at an upcoming meeting.





# 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](https://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**

## 4-H VOLUNTEERS

**If you are a 4-H volunteer, don't forget to log into your 4HOnline account and complete your volunteer re-enrollment for 2026**

After you have completed the initial Re-enrollment or Enrollment, please go to the Trainings tab to begin your training. Each module must say "Passed" next to it to be considered complete.

### 2026 4-H IMPORTANT DATES

**4-H Enrollment is OPEN! <https://v2.4honline.com/>**

<b>January 14</b>	4-H COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 PM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>January 15</b>	ENROLLMENT GOAL DATE! ENROLL IN 4-H ONLINE <a href="https://v2.4honline.com/">HTTPS://V2.4HONLINE.COM/</a>
<b>January 25</b>	4-H SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
<b>February 2026</b>	
<b>February 2</b>	CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS DUE TO EFFIE
<b>February 7</b>	DOUBLETREES MEETING, INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAM/ROLLS (NO ANIMALS), 1:00 PM - DEKALB COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION PROPERTY
<b>February 9</b>	HORSE & PONY CLUB MEETING, 6:00 PM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>February 11</b>	4-H COUNCIL MEETING, 7:00 PM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>February 15</b>	SMITHFIELD BUSY BEES MEETING/QLC TRAINING, 4:00 PM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>February 21</b>	QLC TRAINING, 9:00 AM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>February 21</b>	DOUBLETREES MEETING, HALTER/ANATOMY/GROUND DRIVE MEETING/ANIMALS IF VACCINATED, 1:00 PM - LINDSAY CLIFFORD'S PROPERTY
<b>February 23</b>	HORSE & PONY CLUB MEETING, 6:00 PM - EXHIBIT HALL
<b>February 28</b>	HORSE & PONY TACK AUCTION

### 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.



## 2026 4-H ENROLLMENT

Enrollment will remain open until May 15, 2026 but

**Enrolling by January 15, 2026**

will ensure that you do not miss out of trips and events.

Re-enroll at [v2.4honline.com](http://v2.4honline.com)

**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.

(Extension Office cannot take credit cards).



# 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](mailto:dekalb.shootingsports@gmail.com)) or the FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/DeKalbShootingSports>).



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Development



## INDIANA 4-H

# TEEN LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

**Where:** Camp Tecumseh

**When:** March 27-29, 2026

**Ages:** Grades 7-12



## CONFERENCE INFO

The Teen Leadership Weekend is an exciting opportunity for 4-H members to build their leadership skills, connect with peers from across the state, and prepare to make a positive impact in their communities. Held annually, this conference is designed for youth in grades 7-12 who are ready to take their leadership journey to the next level. Participants engage in hands-on workshops, interactive team activities, and inspiring sessions led by experienced mentors and fellow 4-H members. With a focus on personal growth, teamwork, and service, the weekend empowers youth to step into leadership roles, develop practical skills, and create lasting memories!

**CONTACT YOUR  
LOCAL PURDUE  
EXTENSION OFFICE  
TO LEARN MORE  
AND REGISTER**





# 4-H/Youth Development

## 2026 RULE CHANGES

THE DEKALB 4-H COUNCIL IS WORKING HARD TO GO THROUGH RULE CHANGES FOR 2026. ALL CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN PASSED WILL BE AVAILABLE TO READ IN THE FEBRUARY 4-H NEWSLETTER.



### CAMP 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.

4-H camp will be June 3-5, but counselors need to arrive on June 2.

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](mailto:campb314@purdue.edu).

## Have you signed up for MINI 4-H yet?



### What are you waiting for!

DeKalb Co Mini 4-H is for youth in grades K-2 (as of 10/1/25)

**\*Enroll by January 15 so you don't miss out on anything**

### Our theme this year is

### Backyard Wildlife!

We hold monthly meetings in May through September

Watch for monthly emails to members starting in January!



## 2026 4-H DEADLINES

**May 15th**

- 4-H Online entry for Beef Steers, Registered and Unregistered Heifers, Dairy Steers, Horse & Pony, Draft Animals, State Fair Animals

**July 1st**

- FairEntry for Summer Static Projects
- 4-H Online entry for Fall Fair Animals
- 4-H Online entry for Summer Goats; FairEntry for Summer Goats; Worksheets for Summer Goats due in Extension Office; QLC/YQCA due for Summer Goats
- Nomination forms for Rabbits and Poultry due in Extension Office

**Sept 8th**

- FairEntry for Fall Fair Animals and Crops Exhibits
- QLC/YQCA and Animal Worksheets due for Fall Fair
- 4-H Online entry for Beef Feeders



Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a great Holiday season. I know it's a busy time of the year so now take some time to relax.

A special thank you goes to Martha Close for organizing the beef and noodle dinner for the past years. I know it was a lot of hard work and time she has put into it. Martha has decided to step down, so if any of you would be interested in taking over for her let us know.

The sew day returns on January 13. Everyone is welcome to come and help with the baby blankets. Bring a friend or two they may enjoy helping. On most days they make around twenty five blankets.

Check out the Extension handbook for all the upcoming schedule programs. There are some interesting programs happening soon.

Thank you  
DeKalb County Extension President,  
Michelle VanWye

# Sewing Dates

Second Tuesday of the Month in the Annex  
Building lower level 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Bring a dish to share.

January 13, 2026

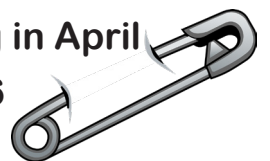
February 10, 2026

March 10, 2026

No gathering in April

May 12, 2026

June 9, 2026



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Homemakers

# Game Night

**January 28th  
6:00PM**

Exhibit Hall  
708 S. Union St.  
Auburn, IN 46706

Join us for a night full  
of fun, laughter, and  
friendly competition!

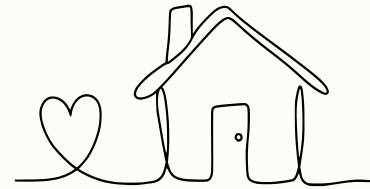
**BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE  
GAME &  
SNACK TO  
SHARE!!**

**ALL  
ARE  
WELCOME!**

A HOMEMAKER'S  
WORK MAY BE  
UNSEEN BY THE  
WORLD, BUT IT  
SHAPES THE WORLD  
EVERY DAY

## Aging in Place:

*tips for safely growing older in your home!*



Wednesday, February 11, 2026  
2:00pm

Dekalb County  
Office Building Basement  
215 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. Auburn, IN

RSVP to Sarah LeCount:  
(260) 499-0848 or arnettsm789@gmail.com,  
by Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Presented By: Dekalb County Extension Homemakers



## Important Dates to Remember:

**JAN 13th– Sew Day 9am–3pm**

**JAN 14th– Council Meeting 6pm**

**JAN 28th– Game Night 6pm**

**FEB 10th– Sew Day 9am–3pm**

**FEB 11th– Aging in Place 2pm**

**FEB 13th– County First Timer Application  
Due to Office**

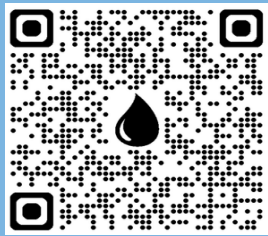
**MAR 1st– Ruth B. Sayre Scholarship due  
to Office; Volunteer Hours due  
to County President; Club  
Officers due to Office**

# GREAT LAKES FIELD CROPS IRRIGATION MEETING

**February 25, 2026**

Register at  
[events.anr.msu.edu/GLFCIM26](https://events.anr.msu.edu/GLFCIM26)

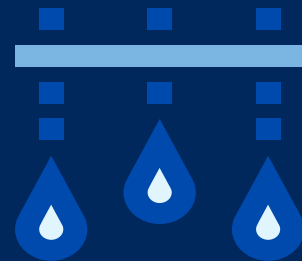
\$40 registration fee  
includes lunch  
(\$50 after Feb.18)



*For more information or if reasonable accommodations  
are needed to participate, please call 260-499-6334*

Wednesday, Feb. 25  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Blue Gate Restaurant  
195 N Van Buren St.  
Shipshewana, IN 46565



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# Agriculture & Natural Resources

## New Year's Resolutions for Gardeners

By Karen Zaworski for Chicago Botanic Garden

Happy New Year, everyone! While January is the month to plan and dream about your yard and garden, smart gardeners know that a wish list drawn up in winter can feel overwhelming by spring.

Instead, grow your garden a few steps at a time each year: pick five of these resolutions and plan accordingly. Next year, five more, and so on...until you've built the garden of your dreams.

- ☐ Hang a bird feeder.
- ☐ Build a compost bin.
- ☐ Invest in an excellent pruner.
- ☐ Order seeds for heirloom tomatoes so you can grow your own.
- ☐ Try a new plant combo that pleases you.
- ☐ Prune a crabapple or pear tree into an espalier.
- ☐ Ask your grandparents what they grew in their gardens.
- ☐ Swap seeds with fellow gardeners at our Seed Swap.
- ☐ Build a raised bed.
- ☐ Plant a fruit tree...or two.
- ☐ Start a compost pile.
- ☐ Test your soil.
- ☐ Plant flowers in Pantone's color of the year: Cloud Dancer.
- ☐ Switch to organic fertilizers for your lawn.
- ☐ Weave native plants into your flower beds.
- ☐ Save on grocery bills by planting your own herbs.
- ☐ Take a vegetable gardening class in April.
- ☐ Order a mushroom log and grow your own fungi.
- ☐ Sign up for a community garden plot.
- ☐ Add window boxes to your home, fence, or balcony.
- ☐ Install a rain barrel.
- ☐ Plant more flowers for bees and pollinators.
- ☐ Start a rain garden under your downspouts.
- ☐ Plant milkweed for monarch butterflies.
- ☐ Leave your grass clippings as natural mulch on your lawn.
- ☐ Eat outside as often as possible.
- ☐ Show a child how to plant sunflowers.
- ☐ Support your local growers at farmers' markets.
- ☐ Learn to recognize and appreciate a "good" bug.
- ☐ Plant a climbing rose.
- ☐ Plant turmeric in honor of the 2026 Herb of the Year.
- ☐ Provide a water source for bees and butterflies.
- ☐ Experiment with edible landscaping: mix vegetables and flowers together in beds and borders.
- ☐ Transform a balcony or patio into a container garden.
- ☐ Grow three new varieties of lettuce.
- ☐ Rethink all that lawn.
- ☐ Plant a berry-bearing tree or shrubs to feed the birds.
- ☐ Share your veggie and flower harvest with the neighbors.
- ☐ Preserve your vegetable harvest by learning how to can.
- ☐ Rake and save fallen leaves for winter mulch for your garden beds.
- ☐ Add a dwarf conifer to your yard.
- ☐ Grow your own garlic.
- ☐ Add allium bulbs in fall to deter deer.
- ☐ Save seeds from flowers and vegetables to plant next year.
- ☐ Give plants as gifts all year long.
- ☐ Invite your kids into the garden.

Happy gardening in the new year!

### UPCOMING EVENTS AG IMPORTANT DATES 2026

<b>JANUARY 13-15,</b>	Fort Wayne Farm Show, Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, IN, Page 12
<b>FEBRUARY 6-7</b>	Northern Indiana Grazing Conference, Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana, IN
<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	Great Lakes Field Crops Irrigation Meeting, Blue Gate Restaurant, Shipshewana, IN, Page 10

# Agriculture & Natural Resources



## JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

### Indiana Farm Bureau

Wednesday, Jan 14

#### Luncheon Program

Location: Appleseed Room B

**Sponsored by:** Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc.,  
Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange,  
Noble, Steuben, Wells, and Whitley County  
Farm Bureaus

Please note that only 150 meals will be  
available for this event and they will be  
provided on a first come - first served basis!



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If you are in need of accommodations to attend this program, please contact James Wolff prior to the event at 260-481-6826 or [jmvolff@purdue.edu](mailto:jmvolff@purdue.edu) by January 5, 2026.

If you need an interpreter or translator, please contact James Wolff prior to the meeting at 260-481-6826 or [jmvolff@purdue.edu](mailto:jmvolff@purdue.edu) by January 5, 2026.



## 2026 FORT WAYNE FARM SHOW

**JANUARY 13 9 AM - 5 PM**

**JANUARY 14 9 AM - 8 PM**

**JANUARY 15 9 AM - 4 PM**

Allen County War Memorial Coliseum  
4000 Parnell Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

Moderator: Elysia Rodgers

#### 10 AM MARKET AND WEATHER OUTLOOKS

Rob Winters, David Kohli, & John Cavanaugh  
Ryan Martin (weather)

#### 12 PM BARNYARD MIRROR: HOW ANIMALS REFLECT OUR OWN HEALTH

Elysia Rodgers, Purdue Extension Educator

#### 2 PM PESTICIDE APPLICATOR AND ANHYDROUS AMMONIA SAFETY

Office of the Indiana State Chemist  
Ann Kline, Purdue Extension Educator  
James Wolff, Purdue Extension Educator

Applied for Indiana PARP and CCH Credits  
PARP Credits sponsored by Indiana Corn Marketing  
Council and Indiana Soybean Alliance



### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

Moderator: Bill Horan

#### 10 AM PURDUE MARKET OUTLOOK

Michael Langemeier, Director of the Center for  
Commercial Agriculture, Purdue University

#### 11:30 AM FARM BUREAU LUNCHEON: WATERS OF THE U.S.

Indiana Farm Bureau sponsored lunch  
Brianna Schroeder, Attorney with Janzen Schroeder  
Agricultural Law LLC  
Lunch is in Appleseed B  
Lunch is limited seating and first come, first served.



**Indiana Farm Bureau®**

#### 2 PM BIOSECURITY ESSENTIALS FOR LIVESTOCK OWNERS

Dr. Jennifer Strasser, BOAH

#### 5:30 PM CODE RED: A PRACTICAL TOOL FOR YOUR FAMILY AND FARM CONTINGENCY PLAN

Purdue EDGE in Ag Team

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

Moderator: James Wolff

#### 10 AM PESTICIDE EXAM TRAINING

James Wolff, Ann Kline, & Brad Kohlhaugen  
Purdue Extension Educators

This session will prepare pesticide applicators for  
the CORE pesticide applicator test. It will utilize the  
Indiana Pesticide Applicator Core Training Manual  
(PPP-C). Manuals can be purchased through Purdue  
Extension the day of the program or at  
<https://edustore.purdue.edu/ppp-c.html>.

Tests will not be given at this training.  
No PARP or CCH credits available

## JOB FAIR

Are you looking for a career in  
Agriculture, Conservation, or  
Natural Resources?  
Look for the 'We're Hiring' signs  
at vendor booths!



ASK HERE FOR OPPORTUNITIES

\*All Extension/SWCD programs are in Appleseed A

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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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