

4-H Newsletter



2023 Fair Dates

Fulton County Fair – July 8-15, 2023

Indiana State Fair – July 28-August 20, 2023



4-H ENROLLMENT – OCTOBER 1, 2022-JANUARY 15, 2023

The earlier you enroll, the sooner you will receive newsletters, correspondence, etc.

Enroll online at <https://v2.4honline.com> using a phone, tablet, or computer. Enrollment instructions are on the login page of 4-H online. Please use the same email address used to enroll in previous years. Call the office if you need help enrolling, remembering the email address attached to your account, or need a password reset. **Please don't make a new account if you already have one!**

Enrollment is not complete until the \$15.00 state program fee is received.

Mini 4-H members are encouraged to enroll online but do not have a program fee.

Family discounts are available for families with more than 3 youth in the regular 4-H program. Please contact the office to receive this discount.

State Program Fees

\$15 per 4-H member

Due within **7** days of enrollment

Make Payments:

- Online with credit/debit card
- Cash or check in the Fulton County Extension Office
- Check mailed to 1009 W 3rd St, Rochester
- Checks payable to *CES-Fulton County*

MINI 4-H

Mini 4-H is open to all children in kindergarten through 2nd grade. It's a fun way to learn about regular 4-H with NO COST to join.

Attending 4-H meetings is not required but each club would welcome, and be glad to have mini's attend.

In June, the Jr. Leaders host a Mini 4-H Day Camp. Signing up for Mini 4-H in 4-H online allows us to send information about camp, and more, through the year.

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteer forms must be completed to help at any 4-H event, project, or club this coming year. Volunteer forms must be filled out by current and new volunteers **each year**.

Keep it simple by coming into the office to complete the required forms or ask us to mail paper copies. Forms can also be completed online at <https://v2.4honline.com> after watching 4 videos. In addition to the forms, new volunteers must provide 3 references (name, phone, email, mailing address).

New volunteers will need to be enrolled by **November 15** to serve as a club leader or on a livestock committee. Otherwise, volunteer applications are accepted year-round.

NEW CLUB LEADERS

If you are interested in being more involved in your club and would like to volunteer as a club leader, please contact your current club leaders or Jeannie Rock.

Richland Clodhoppers, Reiter Busy Workers and Woodrow Peppers are all looking for extra people to help them.

JR. LEADERS

Jr. Leaders is open to all 6-12 graders enrolled in the Fulton County 4-H program. 6th graders will enroll in the Jr. Leaders Civic project (for 6th graders only). 7th-12th will enroll in the regular Jr. Leader project.

We usually meet in the Community Building on Sunday afternoons, trying to avoid sports or other school activities. Information and reminder are sent through email, postcard, or Group Me app. More information will be provided at our meetings.

Some of the activities we usually do include; Christmas shopping for less privileged families, Food Booth at the Rochester FFA Auction in March (this is normally our only fund raiser), Easter Egg Hunt for the community youth, and other community service projects as they come up.

Our first meeting was Sunday, October 2. If you missed it and are still interested in joining, please contact Jeannie Rock at 574-223-3397 or rock3@purdue.edu.

PROJECT SUMMARY GUIDE

The Project Summary Guide is currently being updated for 2023. We are waiting on State changes and final livestock changes. The updated summary guide will be added to our Facebook page [Purdue Extension-Fulton County 4-H Clubs](#) and our website extension.purdue.edu/county/fulton/4h/enrollment1.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Any juniors, seniors and Class of 2022 postgrads should watch the Facebook page in late fall for information on 4-H Scholarships available.

FULTON COUNTY COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Completion Incentive. These are based upon the 4-H program year of **October 1-September 30**. The completion incentive **will be distributed into the 529 account by November 30, following the most recently completed 4-H year**. These awards are not cumulative. A member may qualify for a single level, based upon their level of involvement. Incentives will be based upon tracking by Club Leaders and Fairground Cleanup Supervisors.

Point sheets must be turned in by September 1 deadline in order to be eligible for Promise dollars. This gives you time to add any projects taken to State Fair. Cleanups, workshops, including Dog, Electric, H & P, animal workshops, YQCA, and tractor practices are all included in things you can earn points for.

Step by Step Guide for Families:

- ✓ Open each 4-H member a 529 college savings account at:

www.collegechoicedirect.com/home/ymca/promise.html

- ✓ It only takes approximately 10 minutes to open the account online. You will need to have available:
 - Account owner's birthday and social security number (owner is typically a parent or guardian).
 - Account beneficiary's birthdate and social security number (beneficiary is the 4-H member). If you cannot find the SSN of the beneficiary, please contact Betty Martens at 574-835-9484. More than one beneficiary can be added under the same account.
 - You can start an account **with \$10 or more**. However if this is not possible, at the time, please **click "PAY BY CHECK."** **The Fulton County Promise funds will start the account with a \$25 Incentive Deposit. All accounts started qualify for this Incentive Deposit.**
 - Once it's opened you can add to it any time, birthdays, Christmas, etc.
- ✓ Review the list of Completion Incentives with your member and help them set a goal for which level they wish to achieve.
- ✓ Get to work on those 4-H projects and take full advantage of all the program has to offer!
- ✓ Watch your college savings grow! Those who earn a completion incentive will automatically see that money deposited into their 529 College Savings Account by the end of November.
- ✓ Have questions or need assistance? Contact:

Extension Office at 574-223-3397 or

Betty Martens at 574-835-9484 or

betty.m.promise@fultoncounty.org

This past 4-H year, 2022, 55 students qualified earning a total of \$1815 in incentives!

Another 57 students qualified for a total of \$1820 but they do not have Promise 529 accounts set up at this time!

**FULTON COUNTY COLLEGE SAVINGS INCENTIVES
A NOTE FROM THE 4-H COUNCIL. . .**

In cooperation with **PROMISE FULTON COUNTY**, the 4-H COUNCIL has established this program to provide financial incentives for project completion and involvement. The chart below explains the incentives which are attainable each year, based upon grade level.

The 4-H program has always strived to provide our members opportunities to be college and career ready after high school. In that spirit, these incentives will be in the form of contributions to a **529 COLLEGE CHOICE DIRECT SAVINGS ACCOUNT**. These tax advantageous accounts are a great tool for families to save for any post high school program—including trade schools, community college, 2– and 4– year traditional colleges.

FULTON COUNTY PROMISE has assisted Fulton County families opening 529 accounts for over 550 students since 2016. The total investment between families and community dollars has been nearly \$55,000 in just two years!

We know the mere existence of an account regardless of the balance, increases by 3 times the chances of a child ENROLLING in a post high school course of study. It also increases by 4 times the chances of the child COMPLETING the course of study. Think of this program as a 4-H scholarship which could add up to nearly \$500 during a member’s 4-H career.

Grade	Requirements	\$
3-6	BRONZE · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	\$15
3-6	SILVER · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th · Volunteer during Fairgrounds Cleanup	\$25
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7-12	BRONZE · 4-H member must attend 2 club meetings through 4-H program year · Must complete all projects enrolled in as of May 15th	\$20
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RAISE MONEY FOR 4-H FROM THE GROCERIES YOU'RE ALREADY BUYING!

Several years ago, Kroger's gave us an opportunity to earn money for 4-H simply by buying groceries! You need to register online and then every time you swipe your Kroger Plus card or put in your phone number a percentage of that goes to Fulton County 4-H and doesn't cost you a thing or affect your points for gas. Every month we receive approximately \$100 from this and we have less than 75 families signed up.

Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com your Kroger Plus card with the Fulton County 4-H Council.

Click on Sign in

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on your favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.

You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link in the email.

Click on **My Account** and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.

Click on **Edit Kroger Community Rewards** information and put in your Kroger Plus card number.

Enter NPO number: **63595**

If you don't have your Kroger card and use your phone number instead you can call 800-574-4377, option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Thank you for helping to support the Fulton County 4-H Program simply by going Krogering!

BAYER FUND AND FULTON COUNTY FARMERS

Local farmer, Steve Haselby, Haselby Farms, recently directed a \$5000 Bayer Fund America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to Fulton County 4-H.

Fulton County 4-H will use the funds for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) program through Fulton County 4-H.

"This generous gift, courtesy of Haselby Farms, will be used to start innovative programming we will make available through Fulton County 4-H to enhance education in our community," said Mark Kepler, Extension Educator, Fulton County.



Steve Haselby, Ron Clauson, Fulton County 4-H Council President, Jessica Riffle, CED Purdue Extension