

4-H Newsletter



2023 Fair Dates

Fulton County Fair – July 8-15, 2023

Indiana State Fair – July 28-August 20, 2023



WE HAVE EXCITING NEWS!!!!

December 1, Crystal Grossman started as our new 4-H Educator!!! Crystal was a 10 year 4-H member here in Fulton County, taking Sheep, Swine, and Beef and a few Community Building projects. She lives in Fulton County and hosts a couple exchange students. She was a JAG coordinator and was on the Outlet Board. She graduated from Tippy Valley and went to International Business College in Fort Wayne.

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

The earlier you enroll, the sooner you will receive newsletters, correspondence, etc. If you aren't enrolled by January 15, you might not get the newsletters and other general information.

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.

PROJECT SUMMARY GUIDE

The Project Summary Guide is ready. It is subject to change if we happen to get anymore updates from the State. The BOAH pages at the back will be updated when we receive it. The updated summary guide has been added to our Facebook page [Purdue Extension-Fulton County 4-H Clubs](#) and our website extension.purdue.edu/county/fulton/4h/enrollment1.

PREMISE ID

If you are in need of a Premise ID to sign up for livestock, go to the BOAH website at www.in.gov/boah.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Any juniors, seniors and Class of 2022 postgrads should watch the Facebook page 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.com

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
3-6	GOLD · 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 · Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop (4-H Camp, Spark Club, Electric Workshop, Dog Workshop, YQCA, H & P clinics, Other advertised county workshop)	\$40
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
7-12	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	\$40

7-12	<p>GOLD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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 · Attend a county, area, or state level camp or workshop(4-H Camp, 4-H Roundup, 4-H Academy, Spark Club, Electric Workshop, Dog Workshop, YQCA, H & P clinics, and other advertised county workshop) 	\$50
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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!

\$15 ENROLLMENT FEE FOR EACH 4-H MEMBER (UP TO 3 PER FAMILY MAX)

4-H PROJECTS FOR 3RD – 12TH GRADE

Non-Walking 4-H Projects:

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| _____ Achievement Records | _____ Home Environment |
| _____ Aerospace | _____ Horsemen Without Horses |
| _____ Arts & Crafts | _____ Junior Leaders |
| _____ Arts & Crafts | _____ Micro Mini Tractor Pulling |
| _____ Construction & Architectural Replica | _____ Our American Heritage |
| _____ Fine Arts | _____ Poultry Poster (Animal Education) |
| _____ Model Crafts | _____ Rabbit Poster (Animal Education) |
| _____ Needle Crafts | _____ Sewing |
| _____ Do Your Own Thing | _____ Shooting Sports |
| _____ Gift Wrapping | _____ Small Engines |
| _____ Holiday Decoration | _____ Soil & Water Science |
| _____ Legos | _____ Sportfishing |
| _____ Model Railroad | _____ Sports |
| _____ Scrapbook | _____ Tractor Poster – Lawn & Garden |
| _____ Recycling | _____ Tractor – Lawn & Garden Operator Skills |
| _____ Scarecrow | _____ Tractor Poster – Regular Tractor |
| _____ Aquatic Science | _____ Tractor Operator Skills |
| _____ Bicycle | _____ Tractor Poster – Zero Turn |
| _____ Books (Collections & Hobbies) | _____ Tractor – Zero Turn Operator Skills |
| _____ Bottle Rockets | _____ Travelogue (Collections & Hobbies) |
| _____ Cake Decorating | _____ Veterinary Science |
| _____ Cat Poster (Animal Education) | _____ Weather & Climate Science |
| _____ Child Development | _____ Welding |
| _____ Collections & Hobbies | _____ Wildlife |
| _____ Consumer Clothing | _____ Woodworking |
| _____ Crops: Corn, Hay, Silage, Soybeans, Wheat | |
| _____ Cupcake Decorating (Cake Decorating) | |
| _____ Dog Poster (Animal Education) | |
| _____ Electric | |
| _____ Entomology | |
| _____ Fashion Revue | |
| _____ Floriculture | |
| _____ Foods – Baked | |
| _____ Foods – Preserved | |
| _____ Foods – Fun With Food Mixes | |
| _____ Forestry | |
| _____ Garden | |
| _____ Genealogy | |
| _____ Geology | |
| _____ Health | |

Animal 4-H Projects

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| _____ Beef |
| _____ Feeder Calf |
| _____ Cats |
| _____ Dairy |
| _____ Dog Obedience |
| _____ Goats |
| _____ Horse & Pony |
| _____ Horse & Pony – Extreme Challenge |
| _____ Poultry |
| _____ Rabbits |
| _____ Sheep |
| _____ Swine |

MINI 4-H PROJECTS FOR KINDERGARTEN – 2ND GRADE

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| _____ Mini 4-H Arts & Crafts | _____ Mini 4-H Farm Animals | _____ Mini 4-H Plants & Flowers |
| _____ Mini 4-H Beef | _____ Mini 4-H Foods | _____ Mini 4-H Poultry |
| _____ Mini 4-H Cat | _____ Mini 4-H Goats | _____ Mini 4-H Rabbit |
| _____ Mini 4-H Collections | _____ Mini 4-H Horse & Pony | _____ Mini 4-H Scarecrow |
| _____ Mini 4-H Construction & Architectural Replica (former Farm & Toy) | _____ Mini 4-H Sheep | |
| _____ Mini 4-H Dairy Calf | _____ Mini 4-H Micro Mini Tractor Pull | |
| _____ Mini 4-H Do Your Own Thing | _____ Mini 4-H Models & Legos | _____ Mini 4-H Wildlife |
| _____ Mini 4-H Electric | _____ Mini 4-H Photography | _____ Mini 4-H Swine |

2023 4-H CLUB INFORMATION

Club	Leaders	Phone #	Location
Aubbee Gamblers Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	Emily Schouten Erica Rude	574-542-2853 765-480-0689	Leiter's Ford Community Building
Burton Busy Bees Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Scott Burton Jenna Burton	574-551-7559	Fairgrounds—Community Bldg. (CB) or Everett Smith (ES)
Cat's Meow—For those who DO NOT plan on attending meetings.		574-223-3397	
Fulton County Bullseyes Monday, 6:30 p.m.	Steve Whistler Brian Johnson Rick Notz Joe Cook Nick Taylor Dan Rosswurm	574-223-5019 574-223-9690 574-274-4785 260-579-2299 574-727-5830 574-223-2918	Fulton County Conservation Club (behind Fulton County Museum) or Everett Smith Bldg. or Ringers Outdoors
Fulton County Horse & Pony Tuesday, 6:45 p.m. sign in	Julie Moore Leslie Crissinger	574-505-0042 574-835-0255	Fairgrounds—Community Bldg.
Henry Hardy Farmers Sunday, 4:00 p.m.	Stacey Harsh Kim Backus	574-780-0534 574-505-0056	Tippy Valley Middle School Commons
Liberty Leaders Various days, 7:00 p.m.	Rachel Emery Kyle Emery Tiffany Douglass Josh Douglass	219-789-6334 812-459-5705 765-376-6187 574-727-0025	Fulton Baptist Temple
Model Railroading Sunday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Allison Earp Tara Seuferer Scott Seuferer	574-225-2749 574-835-0145 574-835-3755	Model Railroading Club House
Newcastle Nifties Monday, 7:00 p.m.	Letitia Geller Jessica Clauson	574-835-0945 574-835-6760	Jessica's house 4127 E 550 N; Rochester
Reiter Busy Workers Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	Marci Murphy	574-835-5370	
Richland Clodhoppers/Never Give Up	Betsy Gardner	574-223-6175	
Rochester Ag 4-H Club—for High School Ag Students ONLY	Justin Pearson	574-835-4223	High School during school hours
Wayne Trophy Finders/Wide Awake Sunday, 2:30 p.m.	Tammy Vigar Sandy Rock	574-835-5292 574-230-3833	Grass Creek Fire Station
Woodrow Peppers/Sodbusters Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	Lee Ann Eizinger	574-223-8137	Fairgrounds—Everett Smith Building

OTHER GROUPS—NOT CONSIDERED A CLUB

Group	Leaders	Phone #	Location
Fulton County Electric Meetings	TJ Garner	574-817-0118	REMC
Fulton County Mighty Mutts Tuesday	LeeAnn Pollock Penny Conover	765-427-3623 574-835-4138	Fairgrounds—Everett Smith Building
Junior Leaders—for 6th through 12th Graders Only Sunday afternoons	Jeannie Rock Beth Cohagan	574-817-0756 574-223-3515	Fairground—Community Building or Everett Smith

4-H Online vs. FairEntry



When do we need to use them?
Why do we use them both?

4-H Online

FairEntry

Who?

- Parents/ Families
- ALL 4-H Members
- ALL Program Volunteers
- Specialty Groups

Who?

- 4-H Fair Exhibitors
- Superintendents
- Fair Judges
- Check-in Volunteers
- Media Outlets for Fair Results

What?

- Animal Identification
- Selecting project areas to explore.
- 4-H Trips and other events
- 4-H Scholarships Application
- Club rosters for 4-H Leaders

What?

- Preparation for county fair
- County Fair Project Labels
- State Fair Qualifying Entries
- Organization of Fair Results
- Livestock show bills and Livestock sale information

When?

From start to end of the program year: October through September.

When?

Fair Season: Typically May through early August

Where?

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

Where?

<https://fultoncounty.fairentry.com>

Why?

- To express interest in the 4-H Program
- Improved communication between County and State and 4-H Families

Why?

- Prepare for county and state fair
Get accurate numbers for project display purposes, and stall assignments
To get accurate information for Livestock Shows and Sale

Here is a better understanding on why we use both 4-H online and FairEntry.

