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HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

December 2023



Learn by Doing

4-H is a very active organization. Even our motto “Learn by Doing” is action oriented. Extension staff and 4-H volunteers work hard to provide a variety of hands-on learning opportunities to 4-H members. A member could be active in a community 4-H club or a focused subject content club. A member could be a part of a short-term team opportunity like Teens as Teachers or a livestock judging team. A member could participate in an out of county 4-H trip and meet youth across Indiana and the United States. A 4-H experience may include an exhibition of a project at the county fair. Participating in these 4-H opportunities enable youth to build skills that will serve them well throughout their adult lives. Every 4-H’ers experience may be different.

4-H members are considered complete in their 4-H educational experience for the year when they have:

1. completed the 4-H member enrollment process prior to the established and published date for enrolling. In Hamilton County, we have a target enrollment date of January 15th so youth can get plugged into the 4-H activities for the year. The final enrollment deadline statewide for Indiana 4-H is May 15th.
2. had an officially recognized 4-H Volunteer/Extension Educator verify the existence of the completed project/subject or the member’s participation in a 4-H educational experience. This could be in the form of an exhibit, poster, report, presentation, at the county fair. Or, a member may choose to submit a completed record sheet in lieu of an exhibit to complete the club- or fair-based 4-H project/subject.

One of positive youth development models 4-H programming is based on is the Experiential Learning Model of “Do, Reflect, Apply.” You will find the image of the model on the inside cover of many 4-H manuals. As stated up above 4-H members “do” in many different ways through club meetings, workshops, and trips. They also “reflect” on the

experience in many different ways. Project manuals are full of activities for youth to experience and then record their thoughts on what they just did. Many of those questions also help members process how to apply it to real life experiences. Youth also reflect through record sheets, open judging, and talking with 4-H volunteers and peers about their project and what they accomplished. 4-H members “apply” what they have learned in future experiences. They have gained life skills that they will take with them as they become active citizens in our community. Research shows that 4-H members are four times more likely to give back to their communities, two times more likely to participate in STEM activities, and two times more likely to make healthier choices than their peers. (The 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development; Tufts University.) Indiana 4-H utilizes the experiential learning model to facilitate youth engagement in learning and life skill development.

This is what makes the 4-H program such a robust positive youth development experience for all youth. 4-H is a place where youth thrive because they have found their spark, formed lasting relationships, and participated fully in the world around them.



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Important Updates

Project Workshops

As we dive into a new 4-H year, project leaders are scheduling workshops for 2024. We'll let you know when our updated 4-H Workshops webpage is up and running!

Hamilton County 4-H Handbook

The 2024 Hamilton County Handbook is off to the printer to be returned to us at the start of January. Next week, we will start updating the 4-H website and project pages with the 2024 rules and guidelines. Give us a week and we will have it all posted and ready for the new 4-H year. Please read each of your projects' guidelines as things might have changed from last year.

Livestock Showmanship rule going into effect at the 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair: “In Beef Cattle, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Poultry, Pygmy

Goat, Sheep, and Swine, once an exhibitor is the overall junior or intermediate winner, the 4-H'er is only eligible to compete in the next higher level of showmanship classes in future years."

2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair Activities Changes

Due to construction, all static 4-H projects will be displayed in the Exhibition Center for the 2024 Fair.

Aerospace Rocket Launch will be Tuesday, July 9. Check in at noon.

Sewing Judging will be Tuesday, July 9th in the afternoon with staggered times complementing Fashion Revue judging

Ceramics, Gift Wrapping, and Small Engines changed from open to closed judging this year.

Leather Craft will have open judging on Monday July 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Health will be closed judging on Monday, July 15 at 8:30 a.m.

Photography Judging, Tuesday, July 16 all levels at 8:30 a.m.

Recycling judging Tuesday, July 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Child Development Tuesday, July 16 at 1 p.m.

Construction Sets Judging Tuesday, July 16th Intermediate and Advance will now start with check in at 1:30 pm, Judging at 2 p.m.

Foods Preservation Wednesday, July 17 check in all levels 8-9 am, judging all levels at 9 a.m.

Microwave judging Wednesday, July 17 check in all levels 8-9 am, judging all levels at 9 a.m.

Bucket Calf show Thursday, July 18 8:30 am with Dairy Show following immediately after

Dairy Goat show, Thursday, July 18 at noon

Pygmy Goat show, Thursday, July 18 at 4 p.m.

Sheep Fitting Contest, Friday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Meat Goat show Friday, July 19 at 1 p.m.

Horse and Pony Dressage, Saturday, July 20 at 10 a.m.

Swine Show Saturday, July 20 at 9 a.m.

Important Updated State 4-H Policies

4-H project exhibitions occur through a variety of methods: county fairs, career development events, and other statewide competitive events. The following statewide deadlines will be followed by all county programs annually:

May 15 – All animals requiring 4-H Animal Identification must be identified in 4honline

July 1 - FairEntry Deadline. This is the system where you will enter your classes you plan to exhibit

4-H'ers exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, poultry and rabbits must complete Indiana 4-H Quality Livestock Care or Youth for the Quality Care for Animals (YQCA) by July 1, 2024.

ALL exhibits must be entered into FairEntry by July 1st for the county of exhibition. This serves as the “drop/add” deadline for 4-H projects.

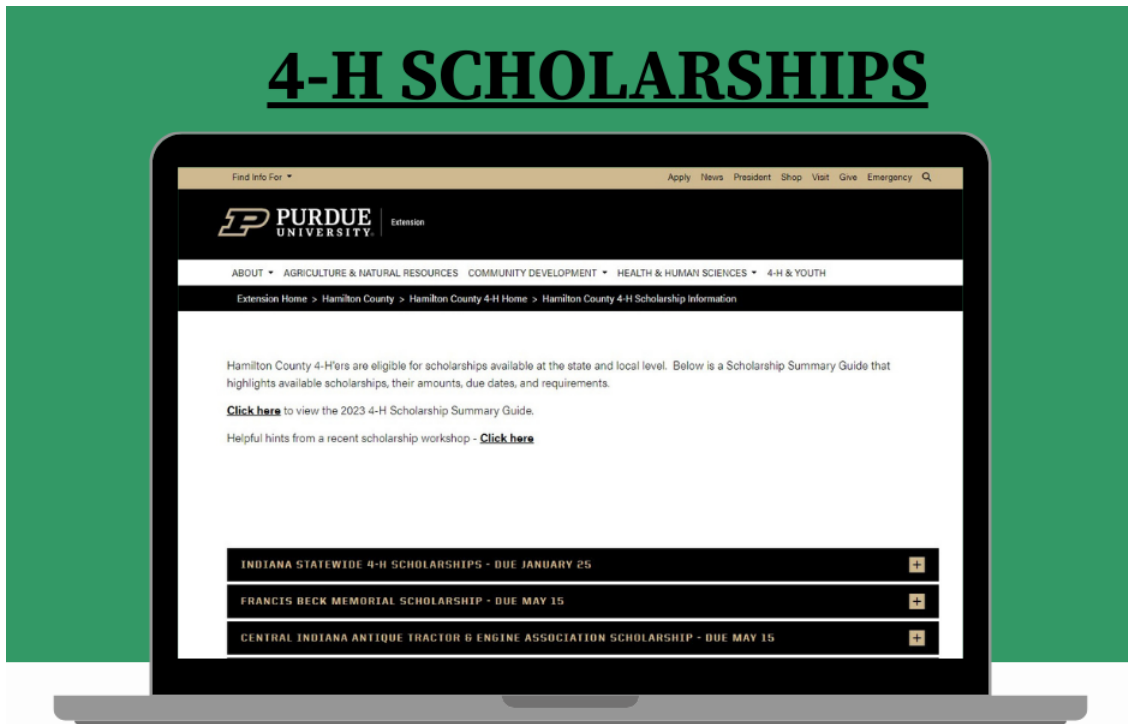
- Livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing this deadline may exhibit and will have opportunities to receive feedback from the judge. Youth may still participate fully in showmanship classes.
- Non-livestock projects must identify classes of exhibition. Those missing the deadline may compete and the highest placing as “blue.”
- Counties should correct mistakes in classes in FairEntry when mistakes are made by 4-H members.
- The intent of this deadline is for individuals who make no attempt to complete FairEntry by the county’s selected date. Counties may use their discretion as to the attempt made by individuals.

2023-2024 Ten Year Members

Below is the list of 4-H'ers who appear in in.4honline.com as potential ten year members for 2023-2024. If you believe you should appear on this list and you do not see your name, contact the Extension Office IMMEDIATELY. We will begin collecting information for ten year member recognition in January.

Valerie Adams	Dru Kelly
Zachary Bales	Josephine Kile
Kara Bennett	Elijah Kolb
Bryce Bryant	Ty Kremer
Cole Burkman	Drew Manges
Samuel Clark	Katherine McCauley
Quinn Conrad	Caleb McConkey
Aaron Crawford	Addison McMillan
Amelia Denault	Walter McNew
Jacob Drummond	Hans Moore
Grace Fox	Natalie Newman

Madelyn Garber
Taylor Gerardot
Grayson Gladura
Ellie Gollner
Tatym Green
Sydnie Hall
Samuel Harpham
Meghan Haws
Avery Hayden
Camryn Herring
Kathryn Hoffmeister
Owen Holt
Cooper Jaeger
Charlie Kaufman
Grady Piel
Johnathan Popiela
Samuel Poynter
Audrey Ratcliffe
Evelyn Ratcliffe
Hank Rhinebarger
Rylyn Rutowski
Kassidy Schakel
Jenna Schnarr
Chesed Thifault
Juliana Weinrich
Amelia Wiggins
John Zeller
Chloe Zerr



[HTTPS://BIT.LY/4HSCHOLS](https://bit.ly/4hschols)

Many state and local scholarship applications are now available. Click below to visit our Hamilton County 4-H Scholarships web page. You can view our scholarship summary, download applications, and learn how you can apply for national 4-H trips and receive money for continuing education.



2024 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.
\$166,725 AWARDED IN 2023



Activities and Opportunities

2023

Homemade for the Holidays

DECEMBER 21, 2023
9 AM TO NOON VIA ZOOM

Register at: <https://grayson.agrilife.org/holidaycamp>

Virtual Camp Link and supply list will be emailed by **Thursday, December 14th**

Additional projects will be pre-recorded by 4-H professionals, for your viewing at any time!

*Open to Individual Families and Group Sites
3rd grade and up*



Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodations to participate in this event are encouraged to contact the Grayson County AgriLife Extension Office for assistance, at least two weeks prior to the marketed education program. The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife, The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Homemade for the Holidays will be a one-day LIVE event on Thursday, December 21 from 9 am to noon via ZOOM. However, there will be 5 or 6 additional pre-recorded activities from 4-H Professionals around the nation which families/groups can do at their leisure throughout the holiday break on the resource page. Register for the FREE event at <https://grayson.agrilife.org/holidaycamp>



DISCOVER

4-H

3 JAN
5-7 PM

HAMILTON COUNTY
4-H FAIRGROUNDS

**YOU ARE INVITED FOR AN
EVENING OF DISCOVERY TO
LEARN ABOUT
4-H FOR
(GRADES 3 - 12) AND
MINI 4-H (GRADES K-2)**

REGISTER



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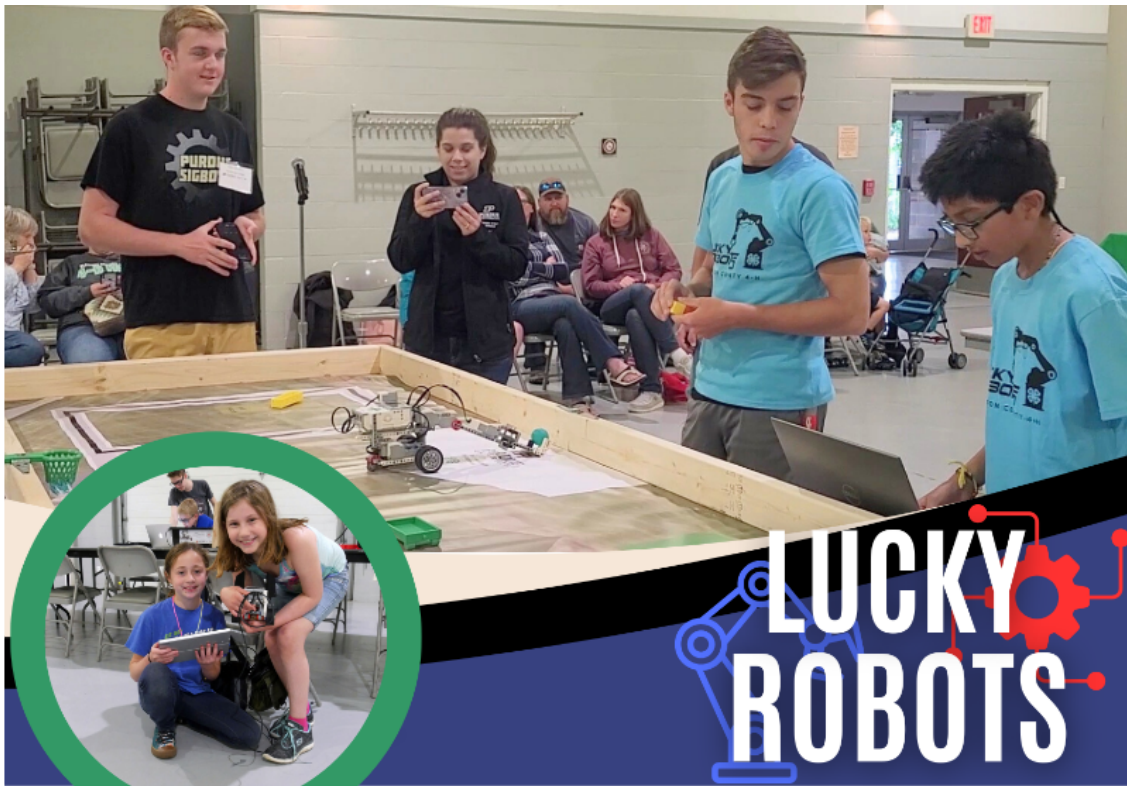


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Help Us Promote 4-H

The best way to market 4-H is to share your story. Post a fun 4-H experience on your social media outlet. Tell your friends and neighbors about 4-H, or give them our [Discover 4-H Flyer!](#)

Purdue Extension has yard signs, posters, buttons, and lots of 4-H swag to help you promote 4-H in your neighborhood. We also have club flyers, FAQ sheets, Mini 4-H flyers, and more. If you need any promotional materials for a local event, we can help! Contact Bernie Huber for more information at bchuber@purdue.edu or 317-776-0854. Now is the time to enroll!



Lucky Robots 4-H Meetings

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. @ Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds

January : 24

February : 1, 7, 15, 21*, 29* *Meeting location TBD

March : 7



March : 9- 4-H Robotics Competition
@ Indiana State Museum



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FORCES Of Nature



\$35

January

Join us as we kick-off our Forces of Nature SPARK Club! We will be taking a deeper dive into the Wild Fa and Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Projects. Come to the Goose Pond PWA property to learn about and see a restored wetland, migratory birds, and the flora/fauna of this unique Hoosier property!

January 17th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

January 20th - Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area 10am-3pm

February

Join us at IU's Geology Learning Lab! One part each museum, lab, and classroom, you can compare thousands of rocks, minerals, and fossils, create art, and participate in interactive activities. 450 million years of Hoosier history will be at our fingertips as we explore Geology, Weather & Climate Science, and more!

February 21st - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

February 24th - Indiana University Geology Lab 10am-3pm

March

Join us as we learn more about Forestry and Weather & Climate Science! We will use tools to help with tree identification, learn about producing maple syrup, the role of slopes in microclimates and even learn about sandstone geology at Turkey Run State Park. We will also discuss career opportunities in both of these fields of study.

March 13th - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

March 16th - Turkey Run State Park 10am-3pm

April

Exploration of benthic macroinvertebrates like what is the significance of a left or right handed snail for water quality? Local limestone geology and soil formation will be discussed. From the Indiana 4-H soil and water science project curriculum, we will conduct the eld comparison activity and learn about soil health.

April 3rd - Virtual Session 7pm-8:30pm

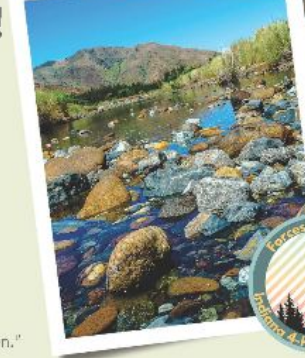
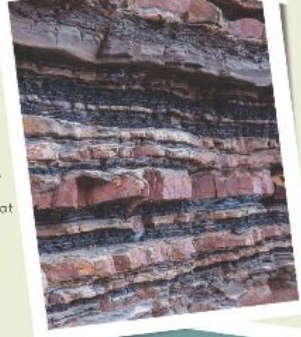
April 6th - DePauw Nature Park 10am-3pm

Lots of Ways to Participate!!

- 1 Go all in! Attend all 4 virtual sessions and all 4 in-person sessions.
- 2 Attend whatever sessions that fit into your schedule!
- 3 Busy, but still crave the knowledge? All virtual sessions will be recorded if you can watch them at your leisure.

REGISTER NOW
FORCESOFNATURE.4HONLINE.COM

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Interested in poetry and public speaking?

High school students are invited to join Marion County 4-H to practice for the state *Poetry Out Loud* competition, where young people recite poetry for a chance to advance to national finals in Washington, D.C.! Over \$50,000 in prizes and school scholarships. [Learn more and sign up to participate here.](https://sites.google.com/view/4hpoetryoutloud/)

COOKING AROUND THE WORLD

Cook your way through the world with this 4-H virtual experience! Learn about new cultures as instructors lead participants through hands-on recipes that can be made from the comfort of your own home.

When: Each Saturday from
Jan 20 - Feb 24, 2024

Time: 10-11 am CT

Who: Youth in grades 3-12

Where: Zoom

Cost: \$30

Register in 4-H Online Events by Jan 5. Sessions will be recorded in case you miss one.

Questions? Email Megan Hoffherr at mkron@purdue.edu

PACK YOUR BAGS!



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Visit the State House

Tuesday, February 13th

7-12th grade youth are invited to Visit the Statehouse with their Educators! We will be touring the building, meet with our representatives, participate as pages, and watch a live session.

Cost is \$20 to attend

Space is limited. You must either provide your own transportation or work with your educator to arrange for transportation. .



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Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Time: 8:30am EST to 2:30pm EST (approx.)

- Who: Must be in grades 7-12 and registered in 4-H!
- Cost: \$20 to attend!
 - The cost is an additional \$20 (\$40 total) if the 4-H'er chooses to do the overnight program on Monday, February 12 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds (space is limited).
 - Payments are now accepted through 4HOnline!
 - Register here: [Indiana 4-H Day at the Statehouse \(4HOnline\)](#)



INDIANA 4-H

UAV Competition

A free, statewide, drone/UAV competition will be held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Alexandria, IN at 12:00 PM, May 4, 2024.

Both Junior Division (grades 6-8) and Senior Division (grades 9-12) members will receive awards.

Contact your local 4-H Educator for loanable practice "Tello" drones. They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Three Competition Areas:

- ✓ Obstacle Course Flight
- ✓ FAA Rules and Regulations
- ✓ Programming--Using "Drone Blocks" App

MAY 4, 2024
ALEXANDRIA, IN

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Register at:

<https://drone-uav-comp-2024.4honline.com>



Attention Volunteers

Our next 4-H Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office Conference Room. We will share the latest updates from Indiana 4-H, elect a 4-H Volunteer Representative to the 4-H Council, and discuss training opportunities. Please contact 4-H Youth Development Educator [Kathleen Bohde](#) with questions.



Hamilton County 4-H is searching for new project leaders for the following projects. A project leader is a content specialist in that area who will answer questions, plan workshops, and assist with 4-H Fair activities.

Chicken Barbecue

Creative Writing

Sportfishing

Robotics

INDIANA 4-H NEEDS YOU TO BE A



What is an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

1

Checks your internet speed
pcrd.purdue.edu/speedtest



2

Validates it on the FCC website
broadbandmap.fcc.gov



3

Share what they've done with others

4

Reports work in the Broadband Influencers event in 4-H Online



Once you have completed all 4, you will receive your Broadband Influencer Pin and be eligible to win an iPad*!

Why should I be an Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencer?

There are a lot of different ways to connect to the internet. Some of them are *very* fast, and some of them are *very* slow. We would like everyone in the state of Indiana to be able to use the internet at fast speeds. While it might help you play games and watch videos more easily, it also can help people who are looking for jobs or trying to communicate, do business, or do schoolwork.

The FCC, or Federal Communication Commission, can't help everyone get fast internet unless they know all the places the internet is installed and how fast it is in each location.

I have more questions!



For more information contact your county extension 4-H educator OR email:

state4hleader@purdue.edu



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*Indiana 4-H Broadband Influencers will be asked to write a short essay about their experience. The Broadband Influencer Program is a Purdue Broadband Team initiative.



4-H INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDER

In case of inclement weather, meeting cancellations will be recorded on the Extension Office voicemail after 4:30 p.m. and posted on social media.



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Important Dates

December

- Poinsettia Pick Up- December 6
- Purdue Extension Office closed December 22 @ 12:00 p.m. - December 26 for the Holiday

Looking Ahead

- Purdue Extension Office Closed for New Year's Day - January 1
- Discover 4-H- January 3
- 2024 4-H Camp Shakamak- May 30- June 1
- 2024 Exploring 4-H Day Camp- June 11-12
- 2024 Hamilton County 4-H Fair July 18-22, Livestock Auction July 23
- 2024 Indiana State Fair - August 2-18

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